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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Willy Herold and Shawn McKenna, Acolytes Today

January 7, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O, How Beautiful The Sky"
(A Danish Epiphany carol)

Paul Man

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit: "A Stable Lamp Is Lighted" David Hur

PRAISE OF GOD

pnsive Prayer

As sages from the East offered you their best,

So may we honor you, O Christ,
 with our highest visions and finest energies.

L. As you turned the water to wine at Cana,

P. So come to your church now, and teach us to change human tears to joyful song.

L. As you were baptized to fulfill all righteousness,

P. So may your church humbly do your will.

L. As you gave light to those who followed you on earth,

P. So be our light as we follow you on city streets or country roads.

All: Be revealed among us in power, in word, in sacrament, and in places where we live and work. Glory be to you, O Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

*Hymn #1 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus, yet we confess we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing you love for all peoples, you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in nemory of Mr. Walter Smith and Mrs. Iris Holt by Goldie Smith.

 $\frac{\text{CIF}}{\text{in}}$ $\frac{1 \& 2}{\text{choral}}$ will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS IS TOMORROW MORNING.

Children's Church today: Daniel Doyle
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon and Brian
Harper

Nursery today: Kristin Wilkins Nursery next Sunday: Wilma Williamson

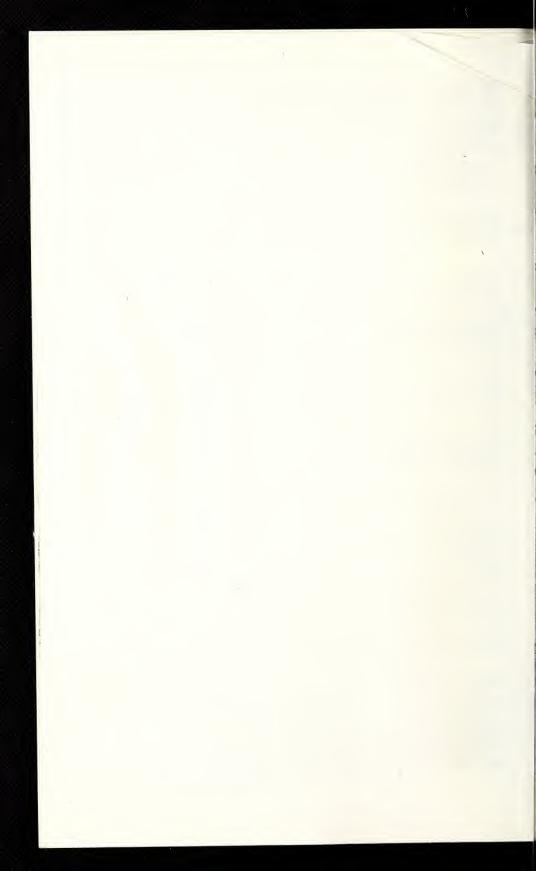
WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Sun.,	Jan.	7	11:00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Brief meetings of the Deacons, Trustees, and Mission Boards
Mon.,	Jan.	8	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Circles 1 & 2 Circle 3
Tues.,	Jan.	9	9:45 a.m.	Fun Club

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 4

Thurs., Jan. 11 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Fri., Jan. 12 8:00 p.m. Scout Sleepover in

Parish House



SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul: linister:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

but the same Lord is served.

There are different ways of serving but the People:

same Lord is served.

There are different abilities to perform service, Minister:

but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in

each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body which has many parts. linister:

It is still one body even though it is made up of

different parts.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it: if one part is praised, all

the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a eople:

part of it.

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These persons have been called by God, through their election by our congregation. They have accepted their call and stand before us in

witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to

serve in Christ's name and for his glory?

nd Board lembers I am so prepared, with God's help.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry linister: dilligently and faithfully, showing forth the

love of Christ?

I do so promise, trusting in the Holy Spirit to help me.

Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now

People:

make.

(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, go up into the chancel.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereby the Church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men, and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on each one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called these persons to serve you in this household of faith, and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these persons as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enable us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY D

Lift up your hearts.

we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right that we should.

It is our duty and delight, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present, and to come. With them and with all creation we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy, Mighty Lord God, Everything makes your greatness known: We acknowledge it too.

(The elements are distributed.)

Communion Liturgy D, continued

Unison Prayer after Communing:

Eternal and Gracious God, we praise and worship and adore you for the food we have received at this table. You have sent your Holy Spirit among us to make our eating and drinking here a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ. May your Spirit help us today and tomorrow to make our living and our working, our loving and doing and thinking, a memorial of Jesus; so that in the end, with the great company of the redeemed, we may eat and drink and be glad with him in the glory of the eternal kingdom.

To him, with you our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, may all that lives and breathes—the world and all creation—give glory, worship, and praise, now and forever. Amen!

FUN CLUB MEETING JANUARY 9, 1990--FIELD TRIP TO TV CHANNEL 2

HEN CHANNEL 2'S WEATHERMAN, RANDY JACKSON, VISITED HE FUN CLUB ABOUT A YEAR AGO, HE INVITED US TO VISIT IM AT CHANNEL 2 IN GREENSBORO AND WE ARE TO DO SON TUESDAY, JAN. S, AT 11:00 A.M.

WILL FORM A CARPOOL, MEETING IN THE SOUTH PARKING OT AT 8:45. TO ASSIST US IN TRANSPORTATION ARRANGE—ENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THOSE WHO PLAN TO JOIN TO OTIFY ROBERTA, AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, NO LATER THAN ON. JAN.8(564-0381). (IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PICKED AT YOUR HOME, PLEASE LET ROBERTA KNOW).

PVANCE NOTIFICATION IS <u>NOT</u> REQUIRED SO LAST MINUTE DITIONS ARE WELCOME. AFTER THE TOUR, OF 45-50 MIN. RATION, WE WILL VISIT A LOCAL EATERY FOR LUNCH, FORE RETURNING TO ELON COLLEGE.

PERYONE IS WELCOME--BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR--T'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT A COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR" !

EARL PARKER, PRES. FUN CLUB



with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love. Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Gustav Holst

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Service of Installation and Ordination

see insert

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory Solo "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

American Folk Melody, arranged by R. W. Hurst
Rolland Hurst, bass baritone

*Doxology (#515) and prayer of Dedication

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs after the Prayer of Dedication.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Meditation

"Christ's Baptism--And Ours"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" stanzas 1,2,3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy D

Hymn #287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" stanzas 4,5

Benediction

Choral Response

"I Want A Song"

John Ferguson

Postlude "T

"Toccata in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

^{*}The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 7, 1990 Isaiah 42:1-9

New things, new events for our lives, are promised by the Lord of all time. Opening for us is not just another year but a new year, thanks to God who accepts us, forgives us, and claims us for service. Happy, a delight to God, is that year when, by the power of the Spirit invoked at our baptism, we strive for grace and justice in all relationships. New things, even the way of peace, God declares to us.

Rev. E. Barent Grevatt Congregational Church of Laconia Laconia, NH

OCWM BASIC SUPPORT

In the United Church of Christ, almost all gifts of money are received by the local church. Most of those gifts are retained by congregations for Local Mission, which includes capital payments along with current operating expenses.

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) refers to all congregational gifts for ministries beyond Local Mission. That includes UCC conferences, UCC national bodies, and UCC-related institutions listed in the Year Book.

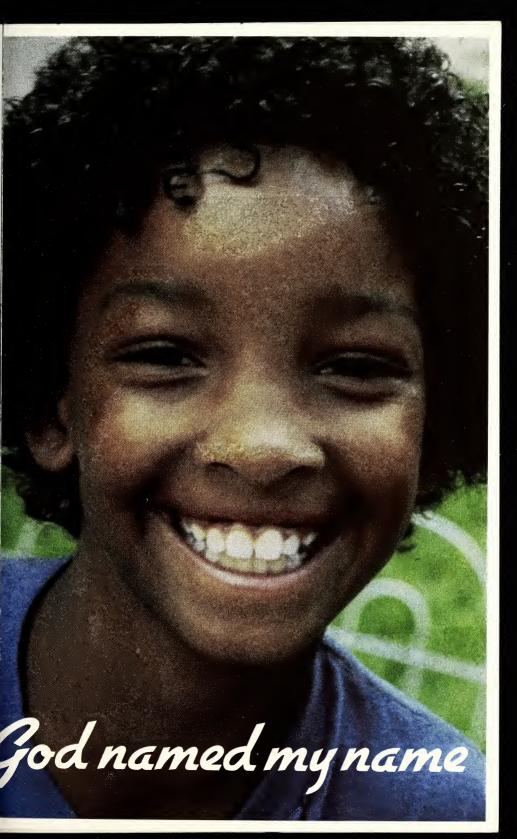
The incomes of the conferences and national bodies provide for their ongoing operations. Gifts of money for this work are classified as Basic Support of OCWM, and divided into Conference Basic Support and National Basic Support.

Gifts of money to All-Church Offerings and Special Appeals. Second-Mile Special Projects, Special Financial Campaigns, Conference and Association Fellowship Dues (Per Capita), and Directed Gifts are classified as Special Support of OCWM.

In our policy, congregations have the right to vote funds from their income for a particular individual, a program, institution, conference, or national body of the United Church of Christ. These gifts of money are classified as Directed Gifts.

However, because of the much greater importance of Basic Support, Directed Gifts from local churches are <u>not</u> encouraged by either conferences or national bodies. Since Basic Support is the foundation of OCWM, they believe it should have first claim on gifts of money to OCWM.

Most of the ministries highlighted week after week in this space are supported by OCWM Basic Support.



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January 14, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Schubler Chorale: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J. S. Bac

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Great Art Thou and Greatly To Be Praised"

Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Mother, and from the Sovereign Jesus Christ.

P. We hear God naming our names and calling us to join the company of the saints.

L. We are God's chosen ones, valued in our uniqueness and commissioned for service to all.

P. How can we be saints when our labor seems fruitless or servants when our strength is spent for nothing?

L. God does not measure our success but rather our faithfulness.

P. We will turn to God for the strength we need, for greater knowledge and more eloquent speech.

You are not lacking in any spiritual gift; God is faithful, and will provide for you.

PRAISE OF GOD

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God whose love is forever, yet as new as this morning's paper: we confess to you that we have spent little time

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Wilma Williamson Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon and Brian Harper Children's Church next Sunday: Nancy Martin and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 14 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Jan. 15 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Jan. 16 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Jan. 17 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Sun., Jan. 21 - 6:00 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION



THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE of the UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



217 North Main Street, P. O. Box 658 Graham, North Carolina 27253-0658

The Southern Conference consists of 320 churches from three groups that united in 1966: the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; The Convention of the South of Congregational Christian Churches; the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. Together they include about 60,000 members.

Our Conference is uniquely positioned to affirm and work for our oneness in Christ amid a wide diversity of backgrounds, and to grow together in our commitment to Jesus Christ. We share in an outreach mission that encircles the globe through Our Church's Wider Mission. Through it we join with other UCC people in ministries of compassion and evangelism worldwide.

Within the Southern Conference we assist churches in developing their programs of Christian Education, their Evangelism efforts, and the skills of their lay leaders. We help our people grapple with public issues from a faith perspective, and assist churches in their promotion of Stewardship. Together we invest in the future through scholarships for college and seminary, and through church development, including new church starts.

Policies for Conference operation and mission enterprises are set by the Annual Meeting of the Conference and by the Board of Directors. Commissions implement these directives and plan for programs to meet the needs of our local churches and to extend our mission. The Southern Conference News, a monthly publication, is sent to church leaders and in bulk to churches requesting copies, to keep our constituency up-to-date on our work together.

The office in Graham houses the record keeping, financial management, data processing, promotion, and audio-visual Resourcentre with more than 450 tapes, films and books. The Eastern North Carolina Association office is housed there; the Western North Carolina Association office is in Salisbury; the Eastern Virginia Association office is in Suffolk.

We are a growing fellowship of believers in Christ who seek to increase our awareness of the implications of our calling as members of the community of faith. We strive together to bring that community to an encounter with the needs of our time and place in order to meet those in love and caring.

A LITANY FOR SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SUNDAY

Creator God, we are overwhelmed by the dimensions of your creation, and humbled by the responsibility we have been given to share in caring for it. We keep discovering the vastness and the intricacies, and we are awed by the order wrought by your power. Even as we grow in our understanding of the order, we grow, too, in our awareness of the part we have in harmonizing with your purpose.

Help us to see the whole picture, God, in which we work together as local churches and as a Conference.

We know that the picture includes faces we shall never clearly see, far from us in distance, but close to us because of their needs and hopes. We acknowledge that many of their needs and hopes call for our responses as individuals, churches and as a Conference united in striving to know and do your will.

Move us, God, to recognize that we are able to serve others more effectively by working together than we can separately.

The picture of which we are a part includes not only those who are in distant places, but also those within view of our neighborhoods. We find it sometimes easier to be farsighted than to be nearsighted, and we are in need of new vision that has the capability of taking it all in and seeing clearly the needs, the problems, and inequities that affect our neighbors.

Help us as a Conference, God, to focus clearly on the issues that confront those who are in our midst, that we may respond with integrity and effectiveness.

We confess that we need to grow in our faithfulness to what you have presented to us in Jesus Christ. As we plan our programs locally, in our associations, and in our Conference, we need the impulse of your spirit, that our plans may be grounded in your nurturing love and wisdom. We are inclined to allow our concern for being religious to replace our calling to be faithful; together may we rediscover the difference.

Nurture us in faithfulness, O Holy One, that our efforts may bear fruit and our growth as persons and churches and Conference may be an honor to your name.

We rejoice that we are a part of a witnessing fellowship, this Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, and that we have been given so many opportunities to live out responsibly the parts we share in your creative order. We rejoice, too, that we continue to grow in so many dimensions by the influence of your spirit.

Continue to bless us, O God, with guidance, patience, love, forgiveness, and the continuing awareness of our partnership with Jesus Christ. Help us to be faithful stewards of what we have received, and caring servants of those whose needs and hopes cry out for a loving response. In Christ now we pray. Amen.

thinking about you this week. The affairs of each day have crowded you out, and we have been more concerned with selfish pleasures than with discovering your presence. As a result, we come here in less strength and excitement than we ought to feel. Lacking the awareness of unseen hosts in our midst, we are often bored in our worship. Forgive us, Lord, and renew our vision of you. Let this be a time of reshaping our lives and thoughts, that we may become the people you have called us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Anthem T. Frederick H. Candlyn (The text of this anthem is found at hymn #43)

A Time With Children

Responsive Reading 77 from Psalm 40

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Marie Wilkins

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Air" from Concerto #12

G. F. Handel

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-11

Sermon

"Two-Way Trust"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #83 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"

Alice Jordan

*Postlude "Festal Voluntary"

David N. Johnson

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 1990 Isaiah 49:1

To be named is to be given an identity. Parents often spend hours trying to find just the right names for their children to mark them as special and unique. Our names tell us who we are. For God to name our name is to hear our Heavenly Parent reaching out to us in love, marking us as God's own, and calling us to take our part in the endless community of the faithful.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey The Congregational Church UCC Rochester, NY

A TWENTIETH-CENTURY PROPHET

For the past two years, a portrait of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., graced the Just Peace Appeal poster. It was intended to help United Church of Christ members associate this annual Special Appeal with the birthday of our century's great martyr for peace and justice.

This year a new Just Peace poster adorns the walls of United Church of Christ congregations from coast to coast. The change of design is intended to refresh and renew our mutual commitment to peace and justice, not to ignore the importance of Martin Luther King.

As we honor the memory and the vision of Dr. King this year, let us recall not the look of the man but the power of his words. Prophets bequeath us a message, not an image. We do not know what Hosea and Isaiah looked like. But we can never forget their words.

Let us commit these words of Martin Luther King, Jr., to our memories: "The choice is either nonviolence or nonexistence." (Strength to Love)

"Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." (Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community)

And let us honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., through our support of the Just Peace Appeal.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude L'Orgue Mystique: "The Epiphany Of Our Lord"
Introit-Offertory-Elevation-Communion Charles Tournemire
Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms
Introit "O Gracious Light" McNeil Robinson

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

P. Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn #126 "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, author of eternal light we confess to you our desire to turn away from the brightness of your presence, to cling to the security of life as we know it, to stop our ears to the call "Follow me." Forgive our hesitancy; speak to us yet another time; show to us once more the presence which promises Life. For we pray, trusting as little children in the light of your love. Amen.

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Men who wish to attend the meeting of the area Men's Fellowship at Concord UCC on Thursday, January 25, will car-pool at our upper parking lot (the one facing Williamson Avenue) on that date at 6:30 p.m.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Nancy Martin and Ryan Harris Children's Church next Sunday: Janet Mayse and Christy Rich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

9:45 a.m. Church School Sun., Jan. 21 -11:00 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Board of Deacons 3:30 p.m. Youth Group

6:30 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING

Tues., Jan. 23 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Jan. 25 - 6:30 p.m. Area Men's Fellowship Concord UCC

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "In Thee Is Gladness" Charles Villiers Stanford In thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart! By thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art! Our soul thou wakest, our bonds thou breakest, Who trusts thee surely, hath built securely, He stands forever: Hallelujah! Our hearts are pining, to see thy shining, Dying or living to thee are cleaving, Nought can us sever. Hallelujah!

salter Reading Psalm 27:1-6

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

nnouncement of the Offering

ffertory "How Brightly Shines The Morning Star!"
Dietrich Buxtehude

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

ymn #145 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

astoral Prayer and Choral Response

cripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23

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PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn #326 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

enediction

horal Response "Annointed of God" Joseph Willcox Jenkins
ostlude "Vivace" from Twelve Short Pieces for Organ
Hermann Schroeder

^{*}The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 1990 Matthew 4:19

"Are you following Jesus, or believing in Christ?" the preacher asked. The difference is profound. "Do you believe in Christ?" is a question that requires an intellectual response: what do I think? We may quibble with others over whose ideas are correct. But the question, "Are you following Jesus?" changes the focus from what I think to how I live. It asks me to measure my lifestyle, my values, my actions against the standard Jesus set. With the simple words, "Follow me," Jesus calls us to the life of Christian faith.

Rev. John Wilson The Newport Congregational Church Newport, RI

THE VALLEY OF DEATH

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. . . " (Psalm 23:4).

Most Americans sense a need to turn to those words of assurance only in their frail old age. But in the Philippines, even the early part of the journey of life can lead through the valley of the shadow of death.

Youthful agricultural workers introduce integrated development projects to the indigenous Mangyan people of the island of Mindoro. The area is malaria-infested, however, and some among these idealistic Filipinos have already contracted the disease.

Poverty and exploitation drive young Filipino women into prostitution. In port cities, where their customers arrive from overseas, they cannot long avoid exposure to AIDS.

Pastors in our partner United Church of Christ in the Philippines help organize poor village people to demand land reform. Vigilantes accuse them of being communists. Several outspoken pastors have been assassinated.

Caught in the deadly crossfire between government troops and guerilla forces, rural people abandon the land and take refuge in the city. The crowded squatter shantytowns they inhabit cannot withstand the killer typhoons of the Philippines.

Who can stop the wind or the bullets? What can you and I do about malaria and AIDS? Gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission support agricultural extension and human rights in the Philippines. They tell our overseas partners that we share in spirit and substance their perilous journey through the valley.



YOU ARE
THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

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11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Elegy"

Arthur Wills

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "Awake, Psaltery and Harp" Douglas E. Wagner

Responsive Call to Worship

God has created a wonderful world; L.

P. let us live in God's world with joy!

We were created to be God's companions; L.

let us eagerly seek God's presence! Before ever we were, God loved us.

We come to worship to grow in our love for God.

L. Let us give God our full attention.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") *Hymn #8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Scout Wayne Hunter

Unison Prayer of Confession

There is a lot wrong in our lives, God. We have hurt each other, sometimes without meaning to, sometimes with keen sour pleasure. We have smothered your voice inside us with the soft blankets of our comfort, when you have laid claim upon us to help others. We have loved things more than we have loved people. Long stretches of time go by when we give you no thought at all. Forgive us. Help us to do better, to focus on being your children above all else. Amen.

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The Church is honoring Boy Scout Troop 51 today, jointly sponsored by our Church and by The Exchange Club. They have undertaken a fund raising activity involving the sale of light bulb packages. Many have been sold, but lucky for us, a few remain and we will be able to purchase some today, thereby brightening the lives of both ourselves and the worthy scouts! The bulbs, of excellent quality built by Philips, are available in either 60 or 100 wattage, packaged either 3 for \$2.00 or 6 for \$4.00. The profit will provide funds for various scout activities. Our Troop has been expanding and deservs our support.

Nursery today: Brenda Butts Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Carolyn Messick and Brian Rose Children's Church next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Rob Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 4 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dedication of Habitat Houses
5:45 p.m. Youth
7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education

Mon., Feb. 5 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4

WEEKLY CALENDAR - continued -

Wed., Feb. 7 7:30 p.m. Afterschool Committee

Thurs., Feb. 8 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sat., Feb. 10 1:15 p.m. Younger Youth

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Behold, the Tabernacle of God" William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

A Time With Children

Dr. George Troxler

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering Offertorv

"Matins" (Morning Prayer)

Healey Willan

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

lymn #489 "I Would Be True"

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

"Only a Youth?"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

lymn #490

"Now In The Days of Youth"

Benediction

Choral Response

"Day by Day"

Harold W. Friedell

Postlude

"Toccata in D minor"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Cub Scouts serving as ushers this morning are Jason Morgan, Christopher Matkins, Eric Yarborough, Mark Kennedy and Jared Buckner.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 1990 Matthew 5:14

As we celebrate Church Vocations Sunday, we share a common vocational call "to be the light of the world," to reflect God's light and love in our living. Our vision of hope calls us beyond ourselves to others—to support and care for those in crisis or need; to help in liberating those who are oppressed; to share what we have with the poor; to act in the struggle for a just peace. In the doing of these acts, in the living of our faith, our light—in Isaiah's words—will "break forth like the dawn."

Rev. Daniel Rosemergy Brookmeade Congregational Church Nashville, TN

"GIFTED WITH GRACE"

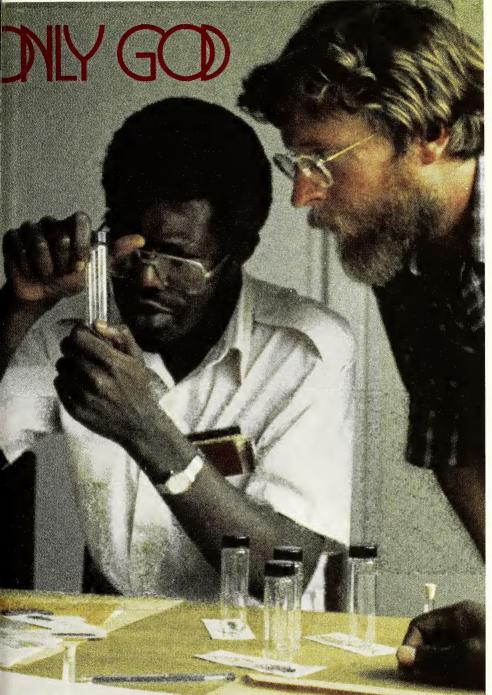
Today we celebrate the beginning of Women's Week in the United Church of Christ. The theme, "Gifted with Grace," reminds us that God's grace is given freely to us—a gift rather than something we have earned. Through God's grace we are enabled to become the women and men we are called to be.

The women in the United Church of Christ have also given their gifts, freely, throughout the church's history. Today, as in the past, women give of their gifts, including serving as overseas missionaries, preaching from the pulpit, teaching church school, teaching in seminaries, giving of their means to support mission, presiding at council, conference, and national church meetings, reading scripture, and establishing church groups.

Sometimes the gifts of women are obvious—the voice lifted in praise to God, the insight offered during a church meeting, the will written that remembers the church, the bread baked for communion. Sometimes the gifts are not so apparent, as in telephone calls and planning for a church event, the time spent creating a special Sunday worship service, the helping hand that is always available at a moment's notice. But the gifts are always present.

This week we celebrate the many ways women give of their gifts in strengthening, challenging, and nurturing the church. Look around you today and see the women, gifted with grace, who give of themselves to the church—freely and with love.

Karen L. Roller Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society



SINES THE GROWTH

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Elizabeth Mayse and Amy Rose, Acolytes Today

February 11, 1990

11:00 a.r

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Psalm Prelude II (Ps. 37:11) Herbert Howell Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts)

Vincent Persichet

Responsive Call to Worship Beth Lyon, Liturgis

L. The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

P. God's word is sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey.

L. Teach us, O God, your holy way, for it is life to us.

All: Accept our offerings of praise, O God.
The earth is full of your steadfast love,
Teach us your statutes! Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	11	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions Discover Fellowship Board of Deacons	
Mon.,	Feb.	12	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Tues.,	Feb.	13	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Club Cub Scouts	
Wed.,	Feb.	14	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	

Thurs., Feb. 15 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal





VAN 4 CARPOOL FOR A MEETING AT

BAKATSIAS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT



Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon 'Gloria Patri (#513)

WITHESS OF FAITH

Anthem "You Shall Go Out With Joy" Donald Grantham "You shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. You shall go out in joy." (Isaiah 55:12,13)

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Chorale"

William Mathias

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"
(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:17-26

Sermon

"Filling Up The Law"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "As the Father Has Loved Me, So Have I Loved You" Ralph C. Schultz

*Postlude

"Andante"

John Stanley

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 11, 1990 1 Corinthians 3:7

I'd like to see my church grow. Is there a formula that is sure to bring results? Trained ushers, advertising on television, putting up signs, ringing doorbells: which method shall I choose? How can I invite others into the faith community I have grown to love? Although tested techniques are essential to congregational development, churches grow because God's spirit is in the midst of the people. God's love opens hearts and empowers human effort. Churches flourish when their members realize that God encourages growth!

Rev. Geneva M. Butz Old First Reformed Church Philadelphia, PA

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Millions of white Americans support a black candidate for the presidential nomination in 1988. An African-American is the most popular star on television. A black woman's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is read and admired by millions of whites. These, and many other manifestations of white acceptance of African-American achievement, have led some to hail the arrival of a new era in race relations.

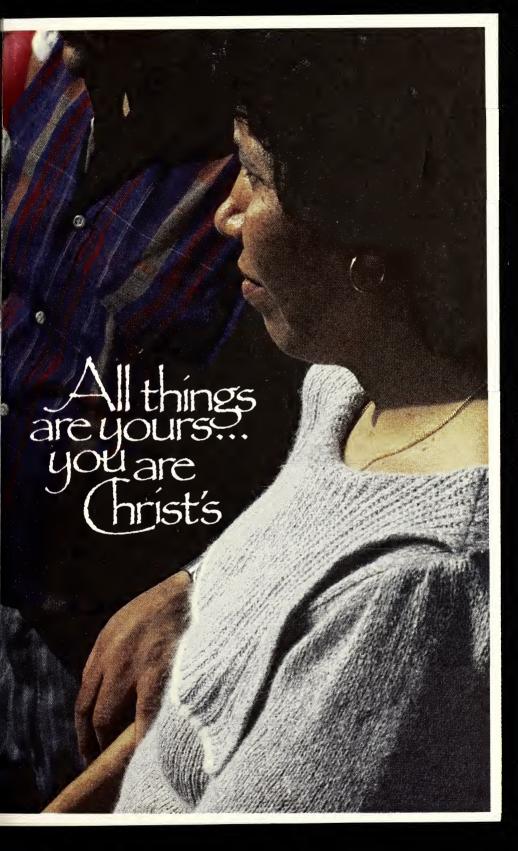
Yet in Forsythe County, Georgia, peaceful civil rights marchers are attacked and beaten by members of the Ku Klux Klan. In Howard Beach, New York, African-Americans are attacked by a white gang. And in Robeson County, North Carolina, black and American Indian citizens are intimidated by a small minority of whites.

These are not isolated incidents. Between 1980 and 1986, almost 3,000 cases of racially motivated violence were reported in the United States.

Incidents of racially motivated violence are only the worst examples of the intolerance and terrorism that still poison race relations in America today.

Unchecked, they will increase. All that is required for racism to grow in America is for men and women of good will to do nothing.

On this Race Relations Sunday let us renew our commitment and our determination to join with our fellow members, our conferences, and the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice in building the "beloved community" of dignity and equality for all in the neighborhoods where we live, and in our nation and our world.



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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today

February 18, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Three Choral Preludes on "All Glory Be to God on High"

1. Frederick Zachau, 2. Andreas Vetter, 3. Johann Walthe Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

Introit " O Gracious Light"

McNeil Robinso

Responsive Call to Worship

L. To Yahweh belong the earth and all it contains, the world and everyone living in it.

P. Yahweh founded it upon the ocean, ordered it firmly out of the primeval chaos.

L. Who has a right to ascend Yahweh's mountain and stand in Yahweh's holy place?

P. The one with clean hands and pure heart, whose soul does not bow before worthlessness nor swear to a lie.

L. Such a person Yahweh will bless, save, and vindicate.

P. We will have no other god but Yahweh!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #251 "Holv! Holv! Holv!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God who requires of us truth in the inward being: we confess the havoc of evil inside us. The storms of the ancient sins tremble in our blood and terror lurks in our hearts. Lust and murderousness, greed and pride, and gluttony we confess. Yet worse, we confess the

doldrum sins: our cliche righteousness, our easy winking at the lie, our adoration of the stupid, our sneer at grace, our boredom with eternity. O God, touch our lips with the fire that burns away our sin; send us the true calm of mercy, and redeem us in the torrents of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem Suite on the Second Tone - Plein Jeu Nicolas Clerambault

Motet: Cantate Domino Canticum Novum
(Sing to the Lord a New Song) Giuseppe Pitoni
"Sing to the Lord on high, O sing ye to God on high a
new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let all of Israel rejoice now in Him who made them,
and children of Zion be joyful and praise God their
King."

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Thee We Adore" David N. Johnson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-13

Sermon "The Flow of Worship"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #294 "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Not Unto Us, O Lord" William Byrd
"Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy Name be glory given."

*Postlude Psalm XVIII Benedetto Marcello
"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength"

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Tim Hill, one of our Choral Scholars, invites the congregation to his Junior Vocal Recital on Tuesday, February 20 at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Center, Elon College.

Nursery today: Andrea Albertson Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Maxine Rich and Katie Brown Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith and Jamie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 18 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner

Tues., Feb. 20 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Feb. 21 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens Lecture

Thurs., Feb. 22 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 18, 1990 1 Corinthians 3:21, 23

Our church tradition gives us freedom to appoint our own pastors, choose our hymnals, approve our budgets. Some members go further, upholding their denominational background, a certain theologian, a particular creed. The Apostle Paul concedes that the church at Corinth has these freedoms-and more! "All things are yours," he proclaims: their founding apostles, the world, even life and death. But these gifts are under the lordship of Christ. Only as they are loyal to Christ are their freedoms real!

> Rev. William Gay Dayton, OH

ASIA

For years, no country fired the imagination or excited the zeal of American Christians more than China. Many of our members still recall bringing their pennies to Sunday School to support American missionaries in China.

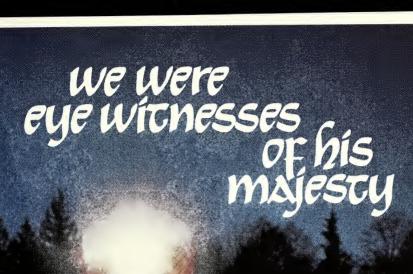
Then came war and revolution. Hopes for the evangelization of China faded with the expulsion of the missionaries and the lowering of the bamboo curtain. Prospects looked no better in prostrate Korea and strife-torn Indonesia.

In 1950, much of Asia seemed to be entering a winter of discontent. At that time who would have dared to imagine a springtime of hope?

Yet, today the church in East Asia is growing rapidly. As one Christian leader exclaims: "What has happened in China is a miracle that could be produced only by the Holy Spirit." Today there are ten times as many Christians in China than when the missionaries left. China is not alone. South Korea has the fastest growing Christian churches in the world. And Indonesia is seeina substantial growth in the percentage of its Christian population.

These are not the times to wonder why. These times call for a response to the opportunity before us. With our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we enable the United Church Board for World Ministries to exploit the new opportunities for ecumenical dialogue and cooperation in East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast

Asia.





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Shawn McKenna and Willy Herold, Acolytes Today

February 25, 1990

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major" Johann Sebastian Back Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "Awake, Psaltery and Harp" Douglas E. Wagne

Responsive Call to Worship

.. With all that is within us, let us bless God.

P. Who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases,

L. Who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Call to Confession

L. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L. Sisters and brothers, in the words of the psalmist, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create

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Nursery today: Phyllis Young Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith and Jamie Brown Children's Church next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Daniel Doyle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Sun., Feb. 25 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Serv 4:00 p.m. Younger Yout 5:00 p.m. Church Council 6:00 p.m. Discover Fel	vice th cil
Mon., Feb. 26 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group	o
Tues., Feb. 27 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Blue and Go	ld Banquet
Wed., Feb. 28 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesda	ay Service
Thurs., Mar. 1 6:30 p.m. Music Commi 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	ttee Rehearsal
Fri., Mar. 2 10:30 a.m. World Day o Shiloh Pres	f Prayer byterian Church



in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding" J. S. Bach (From Cantata #208)

"Flocks in pastures green abiding, Safely with their Shepherd rest, Cool'd by waters gently gliding. With the food of life He feeds them, To the fold he gently leads them, There to dwell forever blest."

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering Offertory

"Largo"

Antonio Vivaldi

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #404 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

Sermon

"The Flow of Worship--Part II"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

'Hymn #412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

Benediction

Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional Canon ("Lord, grant us Thy peace")

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Johann Walther

*The congregation may stand at these points.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 25, 1990 2 Peter 1:16

"Eyewitnesses to his majesty," that's what they were. No mean boast that: present to God in Christ. On the mountain Peter was overcome with the moment. Later he would remember the blinding light—like a rising sun—bursting through a craggy pass, and the awe-striking voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." A glimpse of God in Christ, that's all they saw, but it was enough. And what of us? We, too, only catch glimpses of majesty. But it is enough. The Christ of God is with us. Go and tell it!

Rev. Carleton Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

"COME, FOLLOW ME"

"Come, follow me." As Christians, we believe that God calls us to follow in Jesus' way by witnessing to the gospel in church and society. "Come, follow me" is Jesus' invitation, given repeatedly to various persons in Galilee; not only to the twelve but to the many. It is the invitation that each of us, in one way or another, has received.

You are a member of the church, a participant in the ministry of Jesus, because you were invited, and you intend, to follow Jesus. But what does it mean for the laity to follow Jesus? What is the

ministry of the laity?

That is the question behind a new church booklet. *Come, Follow Me* is the title of this new resource for laypeople, made possible by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, and just published by the Office for Church Life and Leadership. It presents six questions about ministry that were posed to more than one hundred laypersons in the United Church of Christ:

What is it that God calls you to be and do?

How do you go about being and doing?

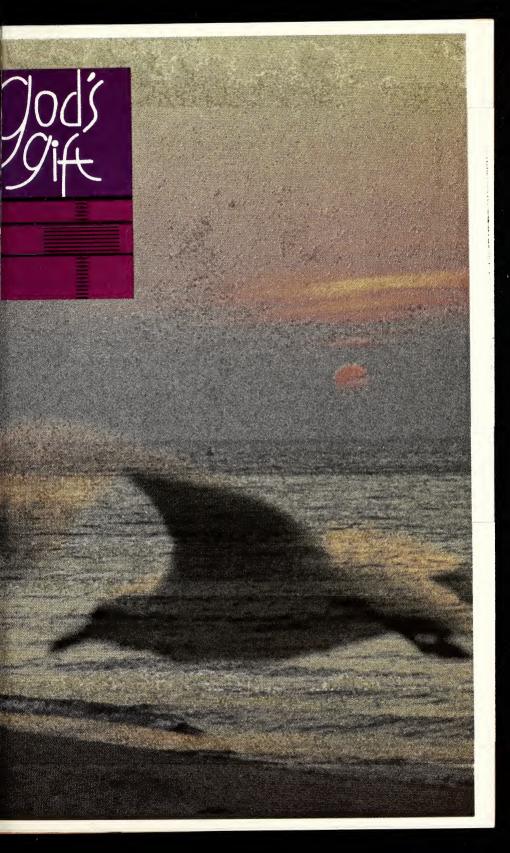
What helps you?

What hinders you?

What role does the church play in your following Jesus' call?

How do you see your life as ministry?

Those are tough, personal questions. *Come, Follow Me* devotes a chapter to each of them, reports representative responses from laypeople, and gives readers an opportunity to respond for themselves. *Come, Follow Me* will engage individuals and groups in dialogue about their faith and ministry.



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March 4, 1990

11:00 a.r

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grevious Fall" J. S. Backwelcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Behold the Lamb of God!" Healey Wills

Responsive Call to Worship

L. I wait for the Lord. My soul waits for God.

P. I rely on God's promise, my soul relies on the Lord more than a watchman for the coming of dawn.

L. For it is with God that mercy is to be found, and a generous redemption. Let us worship the Lord who redeems us from all our sin.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn #93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears.

You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in

love and obedience to you.

We do that which we ought not to do and leave undone those things we ought to do. There is no health in us. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in your grace.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS to the glory of God in loving memory of Mrs. S. E. Foster by Sam Foster, Sara Dodson and Melva Foster.

THE DEACON'S TRAINING SESSION scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECYCLE YOUR OLD TELEPHONE BOOK? For the next few weeks we will be collecting these books in the church office to be taken to the Alamance County recycling location.

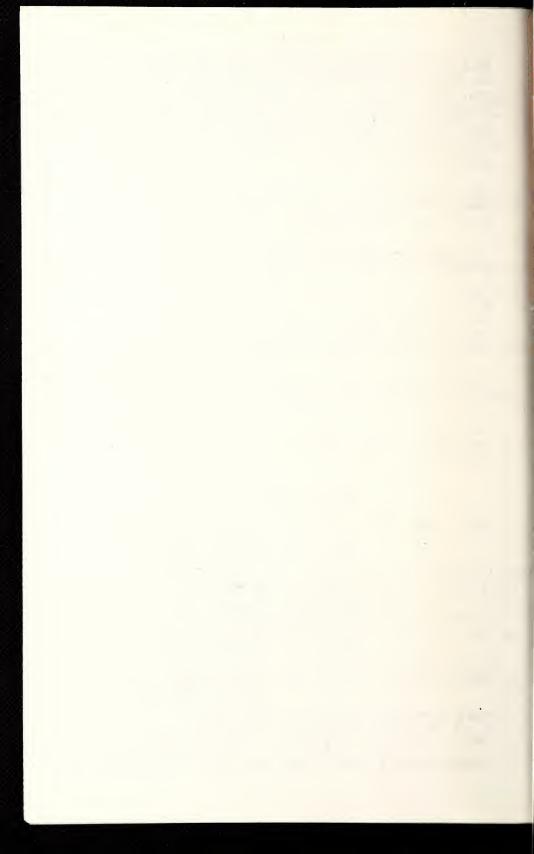
Nursery today: Marie Wilkins

Nursery next Sunday: Edith Shotzberger

Children's Church today: Cile Welborn and Daniel Doyle Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Brian Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar.	4	9:45 a.m 11:00 a.m 2:30 p.m	. Worship Service . Allied Churches at
			4:30 p.n 6:00 p.n 7:00 p.n	n. Discover Fellowship
			7:30 p.m	
Mon.,	Mar.	5	10:00 a.r	n. Women's Fellowship General Meeting
Tues.,	Mar.	6	7:00 p.r	n. Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar.	7	7:00 p.r	n. Parenting Class
Thurs.,	Mar.	8	7:30 p.r	n. Adult Choir Rehearsal



FUN CLUB TOUR

CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY

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TUES. MAR. 13

10 15 PARISH
10 AM PARKING LOT
(WE WILL USE VAN AND
FORM CAR. POOL TO
MINIMIZE PARKING)

JOIN US FOR A
VISIT TO OUR
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR
- WE WILL EAT OUT-



COMMUNION LITURGY I

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

God be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth, and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant, even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

(A seasonal preface, according to the season of the church year, will be given by a minister here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit in on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strangthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of Goa, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed)

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

(The cup is distributed)

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen!

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Turn Back, O Man" Gustav Holst (The text of the anthem is that of hymn 451)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "When Adam Fell the Human Race"
Gottfried Homilius

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #160 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the singing of the last stanza.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Meditation "Desert Discipline"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy I

Hymn #322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

Benediction

Choral Response "O Father, We Thank Thee"
(This is an original composition--both words and music--by Leonard Rowe, a sophomore Choral Scholar at Elon.)

Postlude "Agincourt (O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High) John Dunstable

^{*}The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 1990 Romans 5:15

Paul seems to talk in circles about sin and grace, but his message is straightforward. We move in two circles: that of sin, judgment, and death, and that of grace, acquittal, and life. We understand the narrowing circle of sin. We've felt only too often the constriction of judgment. Do we really understand the widening circle of grace? Do we know that we hold the gift of God's grace in our hands? This gift isn't a maybe. It's a reality — right here, right now. Let's open God's gift and live in the circle of life.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

USUFRUCT

Two hundred years ago, that notorious freethinking Deist, Thomas Jefferson, wrote: "The earth belongs in usufruct to the living."

"Usufruct?"

Yes, usufruct. The American Heritage Dictionary gives this definition for that peculiar word: "the right to utilize and enjoy the profits and advantages of something belonging to another so long as the property is not damaged or altered in any way."

What if Jefferson had used "in trust," or even "in stewardship," instead? Would his children and grandchildren still have forgotten the key, qualifying word? Would they still have mistreated the

environment as if it were theirs alone?

Jefferson, that freethinking Deist, knew his Bible better than most of us. He knew what he liked and what he didn't like about it. He even edited a version of his own — excising what he couldn't accept as truth!

It is significant that Jefferson did not eliminate the biblical notion of stewardship from his canon. Indeed, he adopted it as a lesson in the canonical state of the sandward of the sandward

in the conduct of one's life.

How many of Jefferson's more pious children have been as faithful to the scriptural commandment?

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." (Psalm 24:1)

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March 11, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Nancy Thomas, guest organis

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "The Eyes of All Wait Upon You" Douglas E. Wagne

Responsive Call to Worship

The awesome God calls us out and forward, calls us into pilgrimage toward God's future for us.

The journey seems fascinating but the risks great.

Blessings will abound for our faithful obedience.

Will we live to see them?

Only if we journey in faith-which is what pilgrimage means, after all. Let us say it with the psalmist:

ALL: "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!"

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn #14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

"In God we trust," say our coins, O Eternal One; but in what have we really trusted? Science, production, technology; therapy and positive self-esteem; an infinitely expanding lifestyle. These have captured our real loyalty. These are our idols before which we bow, these are what we base the final choices of our lives upon, these are why we blow now this way, now that, with the latest fads. These are the reasons we are hollow

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the funeral of

KENNETH SANFORD CLEM

March 5, 1990

PRELUDE

Mary Alice Bragg, organist

WELCOME

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L. Gracious is our God and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in the sight of God Ρ. is the death of those who die in faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES Revelation 1:17-18, Romans 6:3-5

HYMN 372

"How Firm a Foundation" stanzas 1,2,3 (congregation standing)

PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING 90

from Psalm 90

REMEMBRANCE

Dr. William J. Andes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) L. Let us say again what we believe. Dr. Irvine

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

SOLO "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Harry Rowe Shelley Mary Anne Johnston, soprano

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Prayer by Dr. Irvine

Unison Prayer

L. Let us pray for ourselves.

All: O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be counted, awaken us to the shortness and uncertanity of human life.

By your Holy Spirit,

By your Holy Spirit,
lead us in faithfulness all our days.
When we have served you in our generation,
may we be gathered with those who have gone before,
having the testimony of a good conscience,
in the communion of your holy church,
in the confidence of a certain faith,
in the comfort of a saving hope,
in favor with you, our God,
and at perfect peace with the world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who taught us

when we pray to say ...

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

COMMENDATION (responsive)

- Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kenneth Sanford Clem. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, and a son of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light.
- P. Amen.

HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation" (Congregation standing)

stanzas 1,3,4

BENEDICTION

Dr. Andes

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danieley and Mr. Grady Conally, and in honor of Mrs. Grady Conally by Faye and Tom Conally.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Edith Shotzberger Nursery next Sunday: Ann Acquilano

Children's Church today: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Sun.,	Mar.	11	11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Younger Youth Church Council Discover Fellowship Board of Deacons	
Mon.,	Mar.	12	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Tues.,	Mar.	13	10:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Club Cub Scouts	
Wed.,	Mar.	14	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Parenting Class	
Thurs.,	Mar.	15	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor Adult Choir Rehearsal	

TEX CLUB TOGICAL AVECOME

10 15 A.M. - PARISH LOT -

VAN & CAR-POOL TRANSPORT. LUNCH AT MC & FRIENDS ople. In your steady gaze we know these things. O liver us idolaters from false worship. Wrench us away rom our journeys after falseness and into your true ath, we cry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Walter Ehret Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Walter Ehret "Behold the Lamb of God! O Thou for sinners slain, let it not be in vain that Thou hast died. Thee for my Savior let me take, my only refuge let me make Thy pierced side! Behold the Lamb of God! Into the sacred flood of Thy most precious blood my soul I cast; wash me and make me clean within, and keep me pure from ev'ry sin, till life be past. Behold the Lamb of God! Worthy is He alone to sit

within, and keep me pure from ev'ry sin, till life be past. Behold the Lamb of God! Worthy is He alone to sit upon the throne of God above, One with the Ancient of all Days, One with the Comforter in praise, all Light, all Love!"

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

lymn #370 "He Leadeth Me"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-8

Sermon "Adventuring at Age Seventy-Five"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

Benediction

Choral Response "A Blessing"

William Ferris

Postlude

^{*}The congregation may stand at these points.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 1990 Romans 4:16

Abraham's contemporaries considered him righteous because of his devout acts. God called Abraham righteous because he believed. Do we try to earn God's blessings through hard work and good deeds? What happens if we fail? Does God abandon us? The fabulous answer is no! God's will is written so that we inherit the divine promise now because we try, not because we work hard. Not because we earn it, but because we believe. To believe God against all odds was Abraham's righteousness — and is ours. Then is faith alive and the promise realized.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

Y'ALL COME

Have you heard about UCC Experience 1990? It's the big gathering for all United Church of Christ folks! You don't have to be an elected delegate to attend. There won't be any resolutions to debate. Or endless committee meetings. Or reports. Or caucuses.

The purpose is worship, learning, inspiration, and community. The program is for clergy and laity, youth and adults, men and women, old and young. The tone is friendly, open, affirming.

Are you a member of a United Church of Christ local church? Then you're invited. Are you free on the week of June 25-29? Good. Can you get to Bloomington, Indiana? Then come to the beautiful Hoosier campus. Send \$225 and you'll get a shared dorm room at Indiana University, three meals a day, program materials, and access to university recreation facilities.

And a lot of priceless experiences of insight and inspiration, too. You'll begin and end each day with worship. In between, you'll hear major addresses on the theme, Faith Works; attend smaller gatherings and workshops; and still have plenty of time for recreation and relaxation.

Want to know more? Ask your pastor.





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March 18, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Song of Sorrow" Jean Langlai

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Create in me a clean heart, O God" Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come, all who are thirsty for living water. Open yourselves to the One who supplies it.

P. We would drink this day from spiritual depths; we seek to experience life's meaning.

L. God meets and accepts us where we are, helping us to know ourselves as we are known.

P. We have gathered to hear for ourselves the good news Christ brings to all people.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn #485

"This Is My Father's World"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L. Father God: Jesus is your word in the flesh, the physical demonstration of your character.

P. We have ignored him and his message.

L. He died that we may live.

P. We have taken him for granted.

L. He taught us to love one another.

P. Sometimes we love and sometimes we don't, but Jesus has little to do with it.



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the funeral of

GLADYS JONES SIMPSON

March 13, 1990

PRELUDE

Brian J. Marble, organis

WELCOME

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P. And also with you.

- L. The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
- P. Precious in the sight of God is the death of those who die in faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

HYMN 317 "I Love to Tell the Story" (congregation standing)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURES

REMEMBRANCE

Dr. William J. Ande

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Dr. Irvir

L. Let us say again what we believe.

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

rayer by Dr. Irvine

nison Prayer

. Let us pray for ourselves.

11: Eternal God, who commits to us the swift and solemn rust of life: since we know not what a day may bring orth, but only that the hour for serving you is always resent, may we wake to the instant claims of your holy ill, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. onsecrate with your presence the way our feet may go, nd the humblest work will shine, and the rough places be ade plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust nto faith and hope and love, by a simple and steadfast eliance on your sure will. In all things draw us to the ind of Christ, that your lost image may be traced in us gain, and that you may own us at one with him and you. hrough Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray o say...

he Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

OMMENDATION (responsive)

Into your hands, 0 merciful Savior, we commend your servant Gladys Jones Simpson, Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, and a daughter of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light. Amen.

YMN 358

"Rock of Ages" (Congregation standing)

ENEDICTION

Dr. Andes

OSTLUDE

SURVIVORS

usband: James M. Simpson

aughters: Mrs. Cary R. (Jackie) Matlock and Ms. Maxine Gividen

ree Grandchildren: Ron Matlock, Kay and Greg Gividen

o Great Grandchildren: Jeffrey Gividen and Andria Matlock



L. He taught us to love you with all of our being.

We give too much of ourselves to other things P. to devote ourselves totally to you.

L. He taught us to pray.

We pray if we remember.

He taught us to hunger for righteousness. L.

We hunger for righteousness Ρ. but other appetites are often more compelling.

A11: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

Ρ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Gordon Young "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love, and power: He is able, He is willing, doubt no more. Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him: This He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's glimmering beam. Saints and angels, joined in concert, Sing the praises of the Lamb; While the blissful seats of heaven sweetly echo with His name: Hallelujah: Sinners here may do the same."

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

)ffering

Offertory "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Johannes Brahms

Ooxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" lymn #290 (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer and Choral Response

cripture Reading John 4:1-42

ermon "Breaking Open Tight Shells"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Whatsoever You Do"

Hal H. Hopson

*Postlude "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Flor Peeters

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Nursery today: Ann Acquilano

Nursery next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Children's Church today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Ryan Harris

Children's Church next Sunday: Wilma Williamson and Christy Rich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar.	18	11:00 a	ı.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions
Mon.,	Mar.	19	7:30 p	o.m.	Church School Teachers (Youth and Children)
Tues.,	Mar.	20			Fun Club Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar.	21	7:00 p	.m.	Parenting Class
Thurs.,	Mar.	22	7:30 p	.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat.,	Mar.	24	5:00 p	.m.	Younger Youth Pool Party

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 1990 Romans 5:10

At the Son's death God opened a door and we stepped into peace...

Not peace that is merely the absence of hostility, but peace that is God calling us into a new relationship;

Peace that is God's reconciling, creating power at work within us moving us into communion with the Creator, with one another and, indeed, with all creation.

At the Son's death God opened a door and we stepped into peace.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

MUTUALITY IN MISSION

The group of twenty American church women gathered for their farewell dinner. After two weeks in the Philippines, they were tired but happy. As individuals and teams recalled the highlights of their visit, the responses alternated between laughter and tears.

One group had ridden a jeep over bumpy roads to see an agricultural development project. Another had met with prostitutes near an American military base. Still another had visited a string of evangelistic outreach churches. And another had been exposed to the families who scavenge for a living in the vast city dump.

No matter what they had seen and done, all the women agreed that they would never be the same. Now they realized that poverty and hunger, suffering and exploitation are not someone else's problems. They are our problems. And they could thank our partners in the United Church of Christ in the Philippines for that discovery.

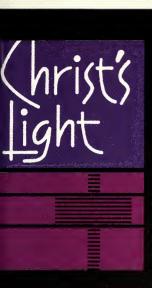
At the end their host, the General Secretary of the UCCP, put into words what they would bring back home:

"You are no longer a sending church.

We are no longer a receiving church.

There is only one mission in the world. It is a mutual mission of all the churches."

Gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission support mutuality in mission.





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Tara McKenna and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today
Mrs. Shirley Beyer, Liturgist Today

March 25, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who On the Cross Didst Suffer" Johann Sebastian Bac

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Holy God" (Trisagion) Setting by John Rutte

Responsive Call to Worship

L. O Lord, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.

P. You make me lie down in green pastures; you lead me beside still waters; you restore my soul.

L. You have annointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

P. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever:

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn #80 "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you have called us into your church to be your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned wit budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live in Christ's image and act out God's will for the world. We have gotten used to listening to our own voices alone rather than to your

voice on other's lips. Cut through our evasions. Increase our openness. Renew our vision. Make us and the whole church more nearly what you would have us be, through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon
*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

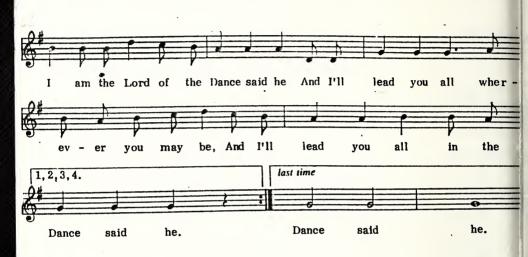
Anthem "Lord of the Dance"
This traditional Lenten carol is well known in England and tells the story of Christ from Birth to Ascension and Reign. We ask the congregation to join heartily, singing the chorus printed below.

- 1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. Chorus.
- 2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. Chorus.
- 3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And they left me there on the cross to die. Chorus.
- 4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone. But I am the dance and I still go on. Chorus.
- 5. They cut me down and I leap up high, I am the dance that will never, nver die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.





Dance then wher - ev - er you may be.



A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross" Heinrich Schutz

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "We Who Stumble" (see insert)

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

One Great Hour of Sharing Litany

see insert

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

Sermon

One Great Hour of Sharing Litany

"Share the Struggle, Share the Joy!"

Leader: God of those who have gone before us and our God: we pray for

those with whom we have been called to share the struggle and

the joy in the living of these days in your world.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: We pray for those who struggle against famine in Ethiopia, and

for those who rejoice over a village well in India.

People: O God, may we share the struggle and the joy.

Leader: We pray for those who rejoice in the promise of another harvest,

and for those who still struggle against drought.

People: O God, may we we share the joy and the struggle.

Leader: We pray for those who struggle with disease, and we rejoice over

hearts and hands that are instruments of healing.

People: O God, may we share the struggle and the joy.

Leader: We pray for those who rejoice in renewed communities in Asia

and South America, and for those who struggle to find ways of

cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian.

People: O God, may we share the joy and the struggle.

Leader: We pray for those who struggle for justice between North and

South, and for the hope of peace between East and West.

People: O God, may we share the struggle and the joy.

Leader: We have been called in the name of Christ to share the struggles

and the joys of those who live with us in this world. Help us, O God, to be generous in the sharing of ourselves and our resources

that your children everywhere may know the joy of life.

People: And so we pray. Amen.

Rev. Benjamin T. Griffin United Theological Seminary New Brighton, MN

We Who Stumble

(The tune is Praise My Soul #16 in the hymnal.

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We who stumble in the darkness Seek the light of truth today. God, our Shepherd, take our weakness; Turn our evil to your way. Lead us in the paths of right'ness, Cleanse our souls from sin, we pray.

God, we stand with your anointed, Healed of vision that was blurred, Knowing we're by you appointed To express your living word, Freed from idols that disjointed, That your welcome may be heard.

Even death will not dismay us,
For our eyes are opened wide
To receive your great surprises,
Far above all human pride.
Let no fear or sin delay us,
That we may with you abide. Amen.

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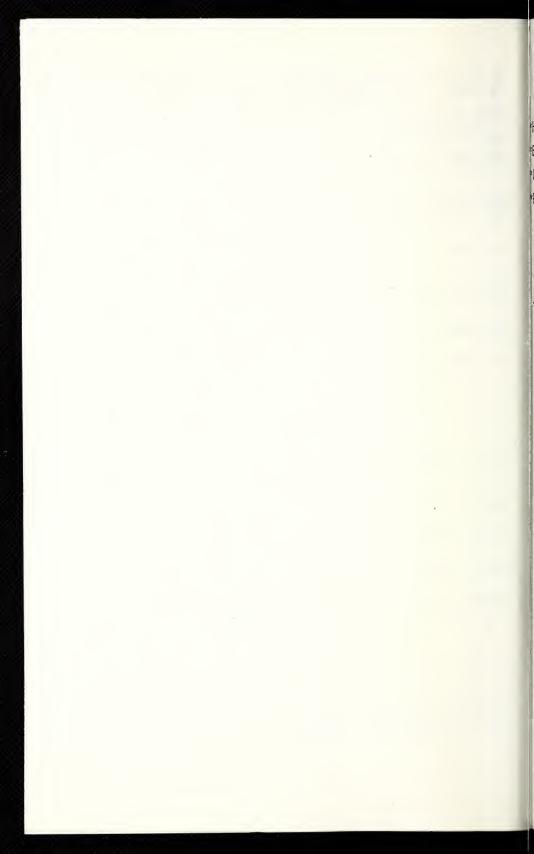
Sun., Mar. 25 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Mar. 26 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Mar. 27 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Mar. 28 7:00 p.m. Parenting Class

Thurs., Mar. 29 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #157 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

Benediction

Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "Prelude in C Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 25, 1990

Ephesians 5:14

Just as the wick of a candle catches a flame and begins to burn, so do we catch Christ's light. Christ's light does not merely shine on us - it ignites us. We become light in Christ and can do nothing else but shine. Let our light shine, then, in our churches and communities. Let our light shine in the lives of hungry children, homeless families, people striving for freedom and human dignity. Let our light shine wherever there is a struggle for justice and peace. We are light in Christ. Let our light shine.

Rev. Wendy L. William-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has offered Christians in the United States a way to share the struggles and the joys of their neighbors in more than seventy countries around the world.

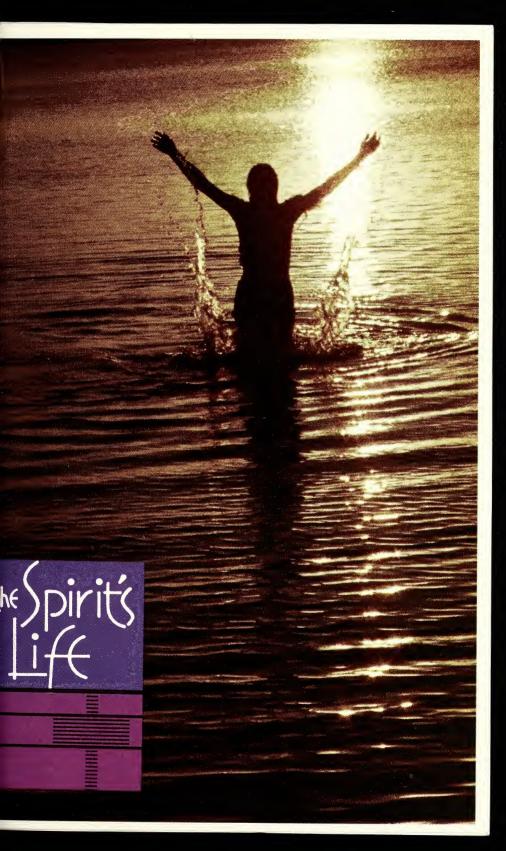
One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are put to work in two ways: ecumenically through Church World Service and denominationally through our own United Church Board for World Ministries. In both cases, the actual work of relief and development is carried out at the grassroots by overseas partner agencies and Councils of Churches. We believe that the people closest to the problem are best suited to solve the problem. And we stand with them to help.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we commit our resources to help those who are most vulnerable. From Nicaragua to the Sudan, we offer emergency assistance in time of disaster. But our assistance does not end there. We also help the victims of tragedy rebuild their lives, often long after the emergency is past.

One Great Hour of Sharing is an ecumenical witness to faithfulness. From the Caribbean to Southern Asia, it has enabled whole communities to improve their quality of life and foster meaningful change.

One Great Hour of Sharing unites us to celebrate our bond with every other child of God.

Let us all share the struggle, share the joy by giving generously to this annual all-church offering.



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and Liturgist today

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Chris Harris and Matt Mayse, Acolytes Today

April 1, 1990

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "De Profundis" (Out of the Depths Have I Cried
Unto Thee) for Trombone and Organ Gardner Read
Erik Stegall, Trombone

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Seek the Lord" Hal H. Hopson

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Gather together, all who feel spent and discouraged, all who are weighed down, in bondage, and disheartened.
- P. Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. We feel death and decay in the modst of our days.
- L. God's Spirit enters our "valley of dry bones" to call us to a time of revitalizing worship.
- P. How can we sing songs of joy and praise when there is no life in us?
- L. The breath of God cleanses, and hope is renewed: life is restored to God's children.
- P. We welcome the winds of God among us, the Spirit who offers life in all its fullness.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #459 "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart, hear our confession of sin and have mercy on us. For our many refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives; for our readiness to blame others; for our selfish luxuries amid the oppression and sorrows of life; for the pleading of your spirit to which we have harkened, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Out of the Depths" op. 142, No. 3 Alan Hovahness "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning." (Text from Psalm 130) A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J. S. Bach

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #367 "Fight the Good Fight"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Romans 8:6-11

Sermon "The Set of the Mind"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #391

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Non Nobis Domine" (Not unto us, O Lord) William Byrd

*Postlude

"De Profundis"

Jean Langlais

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Making A WORLD of Difference...

Love In Deed:

"Let us not love in word and in speech but in deed and in truth."

I John 3:18 RSV



he family of Francisco Martinez of Ezekiel, onduras. The father holds his daughter, sollnia, whose life was saved through the elp of Heifer Project International.

"Because you have come, my daughter did not die,"

said Francisco Martinez to the HPI staff member visiting the Honduran village. His daughter had been diagnosed as malnourished—50% of the children there die before they are five—but milk from a Heifer Project International goat saved her life.

Standing tall with pride he said, "This week I have given my goat's first kid to another family so their child will not die!" Francisco's worldly goods were about two goats' worth, plus a yearly income

of \$100, yet he was giving away almost half of his net worth as he "passed on the gift" to another needy family.

Truly humbled, the staff member contemplated his own net worth and the obligation of a Christian to love not in words alone but "in deeds and in truth." "Loving truly" surely means to love in such a way that the person being loved is enhanced and not belittled by the gift. By giving Francisco the means to care for his daughter and asking him to help others, Heifer Project International is loving him truly and indeed!

Eighteen months later Esolinia, Francisco's daughter, was found to be a healthy, happy child, and he is a proud father. The first goat had multiplied and now he has seven, four of which are milking. And now he is giving milk to the village. children as well as selling goat-milk cheese.

Heifer Project International really works, really does love in deed and in truth.

Heifer Project International is an ecumenical organization founded in 1944 with 118 projects in 34 countries and 12 states in the U.S. Each person helped by HPI passes on offspring of his or her animal to another family in need.

Member agencies represented on HPI's board include: Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, American Baptist Churches, Church of the Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Mennonite Central Committee, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Presbyterian Church—USA, United Church Board for World Ministries, and United Methodist Committee on Relief.

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

- \$10 can buy a beginning flock of chickens or vaccine to immunize 1,000 water buffalo in Asia.
- \$30 can buy a colony of bees which will provide a subsistence level farmer income through the sale of honey, or provide veterinary tools and medicine to help farmers in isolated areas.
- \$60 can help provide a trio of rabbits which can produce 100 lbs. of meat each year, or furnish educational materials for the Learning and Livestock Centers.
- \$120 can provide a goat that gives five cups of milk a day, or a sheep that will produce wool for warm clothing, or a mother pig that can produce 1,000 lbs. of pork a year.
- \$250 can provide a draft ox for a farmer in Africa, or start an aquaculture project that produces fish, an ideal source of protein.
- \$500 can provide a heifer that produces 2.5 gallons of milk a day plus a calf each year, or provide training to project holders in the U.S. to help increase food production.
- \$1000 can help a low income cooperative purchase an improved bull for its cattle herd, or provide 10 bred goats to tribal farmers in Latin America to improve milk production.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Apr.	1	11:00 4:00 6:00	a.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Youth Discover Fellowship Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Apr.	2	3:30	p.m.	Circles 1 & 2 Centennial Committee Circle 3
Tues.,	Apr.	3	7:30 7:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts Clergy Memorial Lecture Circle 4 After School Committee
Wed.,	Apr.	4	7:00	p.m.	Parenting Class
Thurs.,	Apr.	5	7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat.,	Apr.	7			Personnel Committee Car Wash

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 1, 1990 Romans 8:6

We cannot see the wind, but we can feel it sweeping across our face and can see the tree branches moving. We cannot see God's Spirit but we can see the lives it changes. We can feel the Spirit within us as the peace that only communion with God gives. We can experience the Spirit as the energy to live with a purpose and the courage to order our lives accordingly. The Spirit is alive and well and living within us! To live in the Spirit is freedom and joy. It is transformation. It is peace. It is life.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

FIRST FRUITS GIVING

When it comes to supporting God's mission through the church, many people begin by saying, "Show me the need, make the case for its worthiness, and I will give!" Such comments make it clear that the first claim on these persons' income is self.

The "First Fruits Giver," on the other hand, asks, "From the top of my income, how much money do I intend to give to the church

this year?"

The idea of first fruits giving comes from both the Old and New Testaments, and begins with the assumption that God is the giver of all, and that responsible stewards fulfill their purpose by giving back a portion of what they have first received. It is also based on the idea that the Creator does not give dead-end blessings, but that every gift from God has a "so that" clause connected to it. The gift is given so that something else can happen in accord with God's purpose for the whole of creation.

Giving off the top does not begin with the identification of a need that is external to the giver, but first recognizes the real need

of the giver to give.

It only remains to determine how much of one's whole income should be given to the church. A recent General Synod resolution suggested giving at least ten percent for the work of the church, and moving toward this goal by increments of one percentage point per year.

"How much money shall I give to God's mission through the church?" This is the basic question for those who wish to catch

the spirit and joy of giving that is called First Fruits Giving.

David Langerhans Stewardship Council



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Lydia Troxler and Scott Williamson, Acolytes today

Dr. John Hemphill, Liturgist today

April 8, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Litanies" Jehan Alai Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates" Hal Hopse

PRAISE OF GOD

*Processional Hymn #155 with Palms and Banner
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Responsive Call to Worship

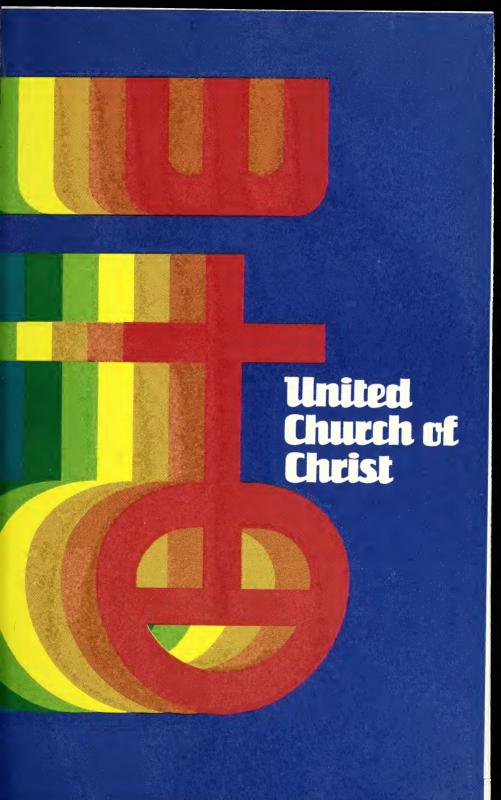
- L. Lift up your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."
- P. Behold our God who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first.
- L. Christ is with us.
- P. Christ is in our midst.

Invocation (in unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and with all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens; where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Now we would join him in his prayer, saying...

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Gloria Patri (#513)





Rev. James Oscar Atkinson, A. M., D. D.

The South land is blessed with brilliant writers and silver-tongued orators, and among them few surpass Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., who was reared in Wake County, N. C., as a country boy. From a life on the farm he has rapidly risen to a foremost place in the Christian Church. a graduate of Wake Forest College and of Harvard University. In both institutions he graduated with high honors. He was reared in a Baptist family, but while a student in Wake Forest College he read "Facing the Truth" and was so impressed with the principles of the Christian Church, that he declared if the Baptist people did not answer it. he would never connect himself with They did not answer it, and, them. therefore he joined with the Christian Church. He has served well as a pastor, as a Professor in Elon College, and for several years as an editor and is yet serving in that capacity on the As a writer he is Christian Sun. forceful and brilliant, as a preacher he is a genius, ranking with the mighty preachers of his day, in the depth of his thought, in the spiritual richness of his messages and the heart grip with which he gets hold of his hearers.

Dr. James Oscar Atkinson was the second pastor of Elon College Community Church, serving in that capacity from 1894 to 1896 and again from 1902 He was noted to 1917. for his missionary spirit and his interest in the progress of the world church. The box is copied from a 1915 volume, Album of Christian Ministers, Churches, Lay Workers, and Colleges. We dedicate to his memory this third in our Clergy Memorial Lecture series. This is also our Church's opening celebration in its Centennial Year which climaxes in April 1991.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH THIRD CLERGY MEMORIAL LECTURE

April 3, 1990

7:30 p.m.

Welcome and Invocation

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr.

Introduction

Dr. Rollin Russell

Lecture

Pastor Alfred Radeloff

Question Period

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At the conclusion of the question period everyone is invited to an informal reception for Pastor Radeloff in the Youth Room.

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Pastor Radeloff is District Superintendent of the churches of the Evangelical Church of the Union in the city of Dessau in the German Democratic Republic (commonly termed East Germany). He has visited in our Southern Conference churches previously, in an exchange of leaders between his denomination and the United Church of Christ, about five years ago. We welcome him as one who has provided wise leadership to his people and his city in recent turbulent times. Dr. Russell, who is hos host for this visit, is Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the U.C.C.

that they may all be one

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WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Sanctus" from St. Cecilia Mass Charles Gounod Kim Davis, soprano soloist

Latin: Sanctus Dominus, Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua; Hosanna in excelsis. Translation: Holy Lord, God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.

A Time With Children

The Rev. Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Anthem Motet: "Sicut Cervus" Giovanni Palestrina

Latin: Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

Translation: As a heart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Ooxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

lymn #175 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer and Choral Response

cripture Reading Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

ermon "Strange Power Plays"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn #197

"At the Name of Jesus"

enediction

noral Response "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Paul Manz

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was his last moment of earthly acclaim before facing his tragic destiny which we will acknowledge during the coming Holy Week. In place of the postlude, the 33 peals of the bell reflect on each of Christ's years among us in human form. We ask the congregation to remain in silent

prayer and reflection until the last toll of the bell, and then to exit in silence.

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A word about today's special music:

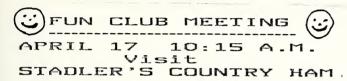
The Prelude: In his short life, terminated by World War II, Alain--who was organist at St. Nicolas in Paris from 1935-39--produced at least one masterpiece. "Litanies" was published in 1937. The theme of the medieval plainsong is developed with insistent chattering rhythm, with antiphonal interplay, with clashing modern harmony, and with rising drama. Agitating, asserting, pleading, the work arrives at a tremendous dissonant climax. Over the music, Alain inscribed these words: "When the Christian soul in its distress cannot find words to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with a vehement faith the same invocation. Reason has reached its limit, faith alone can go further." (Notes by the late American organist E. Power Biggs)

The Benediction Response: The choir intones the tune of the processional hymn, under an organ accompaniment stating the familiar Christmas carol, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," a most creative interplay of melodies reminiscent of two of Christ's most significant moments on earth.

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Van & Carpool From Parish Parking Lot LUNCH AT GOLDEN CORRAL

Nursery today: Betty Blanchard Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Brenda Butts and Rob Woody Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper and Katie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Apr.	8	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
Mon.,	Apr.	9	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Group Music Committee
Tues.,	Apr.	10	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
Wed.,	Apr.	11	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs.,	Apr.	12	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service

Adult Choir Rehearsal

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 1990 Philippians 2:10

THE PARADOX OF PALM SUNDAY

To whom or what do we look as our ultimate loyalty and love? In whom or what do we find salvation and hope? The answer is revealed in the paradox of Palm Sunday.

Matthew's Gospel tells of the royal reception accorded Jesus on the first Palm Sunday, and the expectant crowd shouting, "Hosanna!" (Save us!) and the words from the processional Psalm 118 which hailed a victor's entry into the city: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

We know that the disciples failed to understand the significance of who Jesus was. Many others in the crowd that day did, too. Was he a great prophet and teacher, the Son of David: a messianic figure, who would lead a revolution and restore Israel to greatness, overthrowing the Romans? His name was on their lips and they bowed down to him, waving palm fronds, which were a symbol of an independent Palestine.

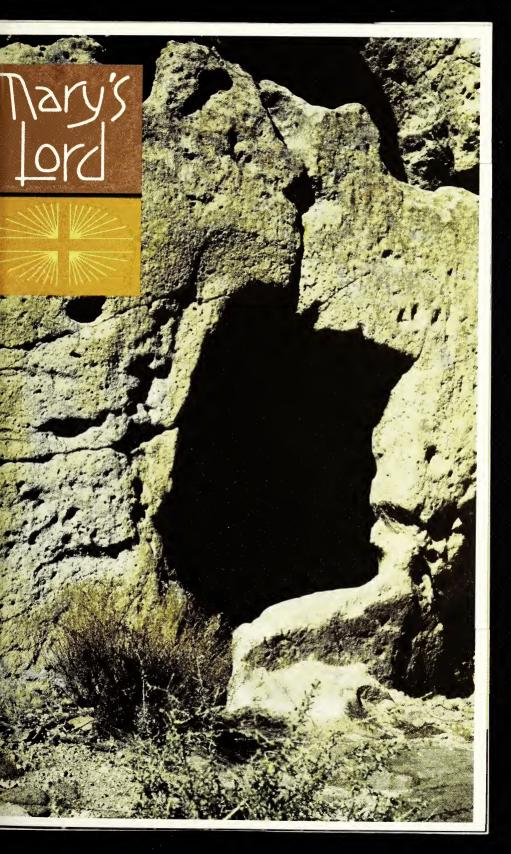
However, many in the crowd must have been puzzled. This was not a glorious entry, a "triumph" like those given victorious Roman generals who processed in shining chariots. This conqueror, Jesus, fulfilled prophecy by riding humbly on an ass. Obedient to God, he looked not like a commander in gleaming armor, but like a servant instead.

Years later the Apostle Paul would resolve the disciples' confusion. Quoting lines from an early baptismal hymn which recall the Suffering Servant spoken of by Isaiah, Paul described how Christ Jesus took the form of a servant, and how in death God exalted him and bestowed upon him the name above every name — Lord.

It is not as the ruler of a nation, a race, or a tribe that Jesus commands our loyalty. When we dare to say that Jesus Christ is lord, we are making a bold confession that in his name we can confidently pray for comfort, strength, and hope. In his name we can dare to utter the prophetic "truth that speaks to power" in our day. In the name of Christ and Lord we seek humbly to obey. In that holy name and affirmation we find the trust and courage to face our Gethsemanes.

The challenge of the earliest Christians remains ours — to share our faith in word and deed, inviting others to discover that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

Rev. Patrick Green St. Anthony Park UCC St. Paul, MN



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EASTER, April 15, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Sonatas #1 and 2 for Brass Quintet" Johann Pez Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Procession: "Enter His Sanctuary Singing" Hal Hops "God is the Lord of Hosts, enter His sanctuary singing. Shout to the Lord, 'Alleluia.' Bless his holy name forever...Our great Creator, the Lord of heav'n and earth: we come before you, unceasing praise we offer. We lift our voices, our joyful songs break forth. Alleluia, to God, the Lord be glory evermore."

PRAISE OF GOD

Call to Worship

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (stanza 3 arranged by David Willcocks)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.



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Maundy Thursday, April 12, 1990

7:00 P.M

"Prelude on the Hymn Tune <u>Rhosymedre</u> (My Song Is Love Unknown)" Ralph Vaughan William

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

L. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

P. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

*Hymn 169 "My Song is Love Unknown"

Responsive Confession of Sin

L. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L. Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us confess our sins in silence, and ask God for the forgiveness we need.

Silent Prayers

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have denied your intentions for us. We have preferred our way to Christ's way. We have served ourselves and the things we have made. We have disobeyed your commandment to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us, and awaken us to faith and to

a life of service; through Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who served you even to death, for our redemption. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading from John 13:1-17

Meditation "Towel Service"

*Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Offering .

Offertory "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy B

*Hymn 161 "Before the Cross of Jesus"

Responsive Benediction

L. Go forth in peace to walk the way of Christ's cross and resurrection.

P. We are sent in the name of the Lord.

L. May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you.

P. Amen.

L. May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let light shine upon you.

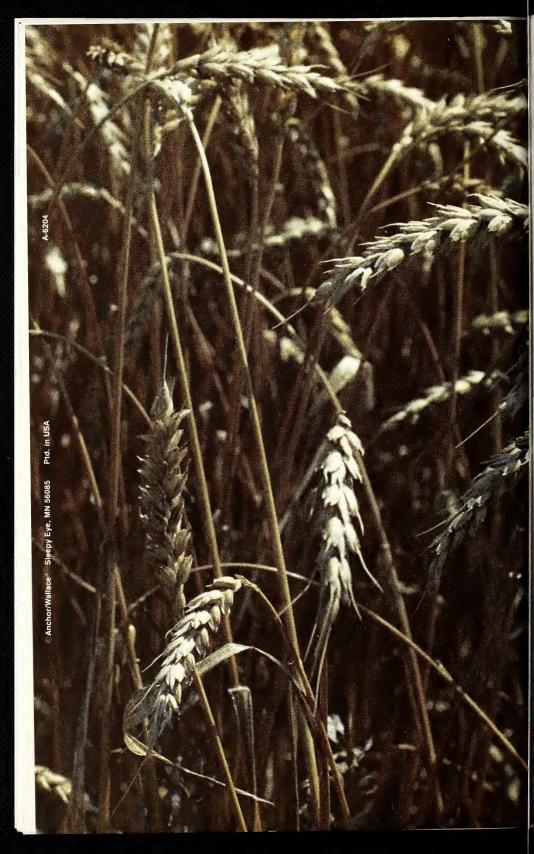
P. Amen.

L. May Jesus Christ be your life and peace, now and forever.

P. Amen. Thanks be to God!

Postlude "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded" Jean Langlais

The loose plate offering tonight will be used for the Good Samaritan Fund.



*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing"

Ernest Bullock

"Good Christian men, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! The Lord of life is risen for aye; Bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that Love, that Life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the Life laid down, the Life restored: Alleluia!"

A Time With Children

The Rev. Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Choral"

Joseph Jongen

*Doxology with Alleluias (to the tune <u>Lasst uns Erfreuen</u>)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 190 "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Choral Response: "Amen" from Missa Archangelus Larry King

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18; Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon "Think High!" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 185 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "He is Risen" Cecil Cope
"He is risen: Tell it with a joyful voice; He hath
burst his three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth
rejoice. Death is conquered, man is free; Christ has
won the victory."

*Postlude "Sonata #3 for Brass Quintet" Johann Pezel

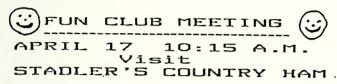
*The congregation may stand at these points.

We welcome members of the Elon College Wind Ensemble who form our Brass Quintet this morning, under the direction of Tom Erdmann, Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music. He and David Long play trumpet, Erik Stegall and Frank Pugh play trombone, and Rudy Baker the tuba.

All three of the sonatas of Johann Pezel are taken from a collection of 40 sonatas published in 1670. The original edition consisted of 40 five-part sonatas for two cornetts (\underline{sic}) and three trombones. The music was dedicated to the Leipzig town council, deriving from a decree the council ordered on the playing of a chorale or other dignified piece from the town hall every morning at 10 o'clock. It was for this use these sonatas were intended.

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Van & Carpool from Parish Parking Lot LUNCH AT GOLDEN CORRAL

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Wilma Williamson

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Lou Harper and Katie Brown

Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Jamie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Apr. 15

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for Children
Worship Service

Mon., Apr. 16

7:45 p.m. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Music Committee

Tues., Apr. 17

10:15 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Apr. 18

7:00 p.m. Parenting Class

Thurs., Apr. 19

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 1990 John 20:18

OPEN TO GOD'S POSSIBILITIES

Mary Magdalene had been close to Jesus. Why then does she not recognize him when he first speaks to her in the garden beside the empty tomb?

Of the many possible explanations for Mary's failure to recognize her Lord, one of the most obvious is that she simply wasn't paying attention. She certainly had her reasons. Finding the tomb empty, she was convinced that someone had taken away Jesus' body. She was distracted and distraught. She was not expecting to see her Lord alive.

Mary looks into the tomb. A stranger in white garments asks why she is weeping. She answers, and then turns. Perhaps she senses someone behind her. This person — is it the gardener? — asks the same question. She repeats her answer. Only when Jesus addresses her by name does she turn her full attention to him.

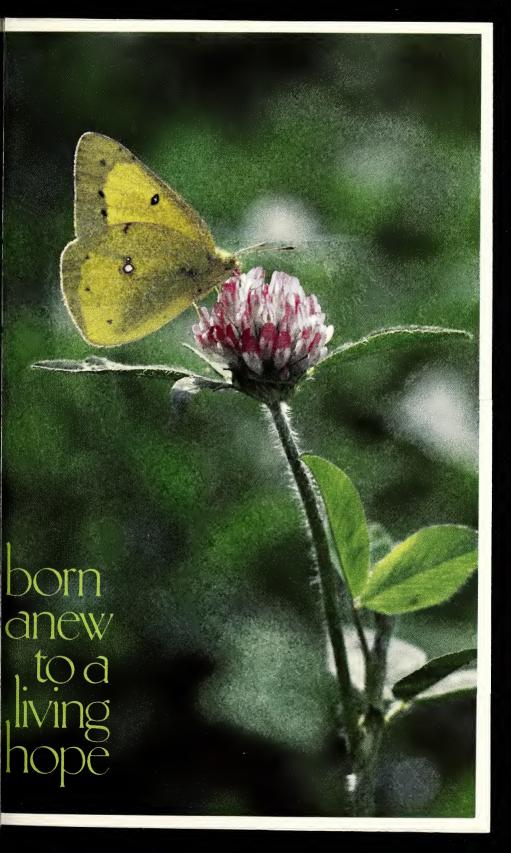
How often are we like Mary? Distracted by the cares of life, distraught with anxiety, or dulled by routine, we don't pay attention. We are not open to God's possibilities. We only realize the fullness of God's love for us when we pay attention to God. And we find God in the person beside us.

We need to pay attention to God. At morning worship, we are distracted by the cares of work or home. We idly take note of the peeling paint or count the burned-out light bulbs. Yet, in just those moments, God is addressing us. Will we hear? Will we pay attention? What on this day are we looking for — a good, dead man or a living lord?

We also need to pay attention to those near us. Attention is an essential ingredient in truly loving someone. We may spend hours with another person, yet never really pay attention. An earnest child, a lonely newcomer, a bereaved friend, someone devastated by illness, a homeless person, prisoners of conscience — all of these people are calling us by name. And in each voice we can hear the voice of God.

Like Mary Magdalene in the garden, we often fail to recognize God's possibilities in our midst because we have not learned to expect the resurrection. Yet, in our very weeping is the promise of God's healing and life.

> Rev. William C. Imes First Parish Church Brunswick, ME



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Robin Woody, Liturgist Today Willy Herold and Shawn McKenna, Acolytes Today

April 22, 1990 EARTH DAY

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Improvisation on "For the Beauty of the Earth" from Earth Mass Paul Win

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Introit "Kyrie eleison" (Lord, have mercy) from Earth Mass Paul Winter Conso

Responsive Call to Worship

God in his love for us lent us this planet, gave it a purpose in time and in space; Small as a spark from the fire of creation, cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty, Ρ. life that sustains us in body and mind: Plenty for all, if we learn how to share it, riches undreamed of to fathom and find.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Hvmn #64

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Call to Confession

Long have our human wars ruined Earth's harvest; long has Earth bowed to the terror of force; Long have we wasted what others have need of, poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's! it is ours to enjoy it, Ρ. ours as God's stewards, to farm and defend. From its pollution, misuse and destruction, good Lord, deliver us, world without end!

Prayer of Confession
Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance
*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Grant Us Thy Peace" Felix Mendelssohn "Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, All things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety."

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Sun Psalm" from <u>Earth Mass</u> Paul Winter Consort

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

(Children second grade and younger lave the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the final stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Leviticus 25:1-24

Sermon "Taking Care of Holy Ground"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

'Hymn #485 "This Is My Father's World"

Original stanza 3:

This is my Father's world; O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the
Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Benediction

*Choral Response "O Father, We Thank Thee" Leonard Rowe

*Postlude "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" Jan Bender

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Music Note: The Missa Gaia or Earth Mass was first performed at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City in 1985. Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort with the choristers and pipe organ of the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, along with the voices of wolf, whale, and loon, create a rhythmic, joyous, and contemporary celebration of the Earth in the form of the Mass. All of the movements are based on the 13th Century plainsong "Thee We Adore," heard in the Prelude this morning. The Introit and the Offertory have been taken from the live recording of the first performance in celebration of Mother Earth.

Leonard Rowe, one of the Choral Scholars from Elon College who sings in our choir, composed the Benediction Response being sung today. WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

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THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom.

Nursery today: Wilma Williamson Nursery next Sunday: Janet Mayse

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Carolyn Messick and Jamie Brown

Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Daniel Doyle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 22 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Church Council 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions

Mon., April 23 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., April 24 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., April 26 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

April 26 - 28 Southern Conference Annual Meeting Norfolk, Virginia

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 1990

1 Peter 1:3

We are a people of hope.

We take courage in sufferings,

We move toward healing in all parts of our lives.

We rejoice

Because

We are a people of hope —
Born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

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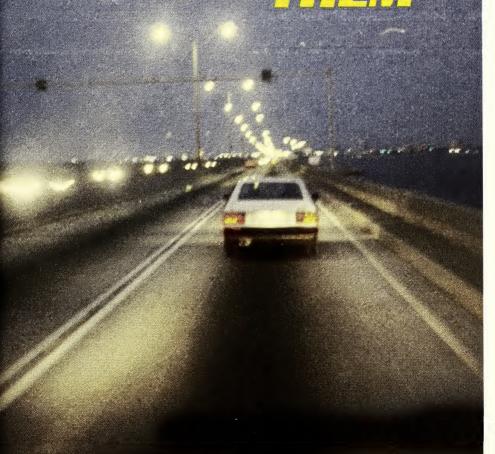
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April 29, 1990

11:00 a.r

Prelude

"Gavotte and Air" George F. Hande

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

Introit

"This Is the Day" Hal H. Hops

Responsive Call to Worship

The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks -- eating, fishing, preparing a mea

Ρ. We have gathered because we too want to know the presence of Jesus among us.

We gather around his table to know him in the breaking of bread.

Ρ. We will return to the world, seeking to know and to make known his presence there.

All: Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "treapasses")

*Hymn #188 "Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace

As a sign of their reconciliation with God and each other, all may greet those around them with an embrace or handshake, accompanied by such words as: "The peace of God be with you," and the response: "And also with you."

*Gloria Patri (#513)

Lord in mercy hear me. Amen!

Anthem "God, Be Merciful to Me" (Ave verum) Gabriel Faure God, be merciful to me, Thy grace I rest my plea; Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin. All my transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress: Let my contrite heart rejoice, In gladness hear my voice; Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me white as snow. O gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my heart. O

Offering

Offertory Recitative and Aria "I feel the deity within, Arm, arm, ye brave!" (from Judas Maccabeus)

George F. Handel

David Long, guest baritone

I feel the Deity within, who, the bright cherubin between, his radiant glory erst display'd! To Israel's distressful prayer he hath vouchsaf'd a gracious ear; and points out Maccabeus to their aid. Judas shall set the captive free, and lead us on to victory!

Arm, arm, ye brave! A noble cause of Heaven your zeal demands! In defence of your nation, religion, and laws, the Almighty Jehovah will strengthen your hands.

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs after the offering.)

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Prayer and Choral Response

*Hymn #286

"Come Risen Lord"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn 61

"God Be With You"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional Round

*Postlude "Rigadoon" from Almira George F. Handel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Leader: Luke, the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, that when he was at table with two of the disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were

opened, and they recognized him.

People: In company with all believers in every time, and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

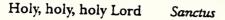
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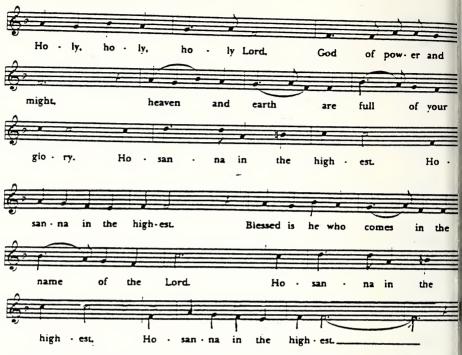
Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and with all the company of heaven, we glorify you:





Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

People: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Pastor: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread an cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the bo of Christ, the church, your servant people, tha we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

People: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

People: I died, and behold, I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

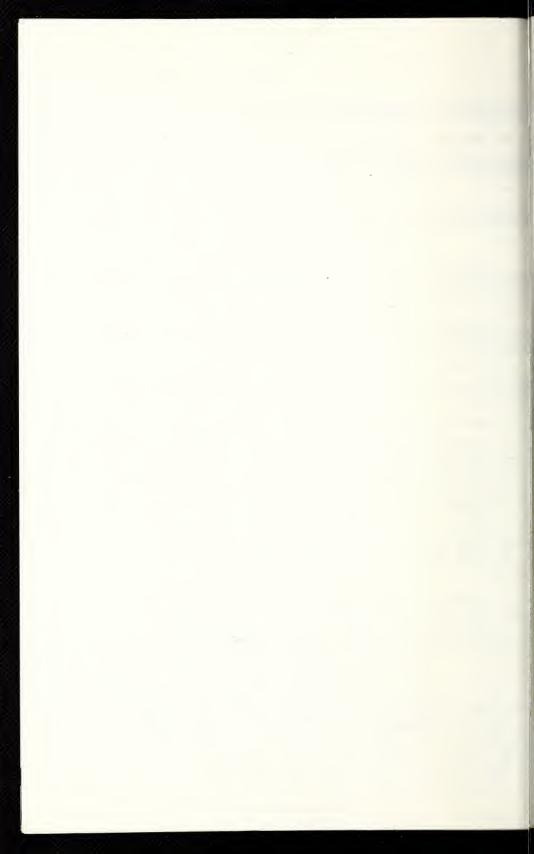
SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The congregation will come forward in groups, gathering around the table. Each person will give the elements to the one next to them, saying "The body of Christ, broken for you," and "the blood of Christ shed for you." We will receive the bread and the cup by intinction, which means we will dip the bread in the cup and then eat it. While others are at the table, the rest of the congregation will sing Hymn 288 "Let Us Break Bread Together and Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



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THE MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON of Church Women United will be on Friday, May 4th at 12:00 noon at Front Street United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and are available in our Church office.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Janet Mayse

Nursery next Sunday: Susan Hemphill

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Ann Acquilano and Daniel Doyle Next Sunday: Beth Lyon and Brian Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Apr.	29	11:00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Discover Fellowship
Taes.	May	1	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thurs.,	May	3		Centennial Committee Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat.,	May	5		Youth Trip to Carowinds

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 1990 Luke 24:15

Jesus went with them — two disciples who were going home after the crucifixion. The two were talking, trying to make sense of what had happened. Jesus met them where they were on the road. He met them in their fear and confusion, their hopelessness and grief. Jesus met them and went with them. Can we meet people where they are and go with them through their struggles and joys? Can we lay down our judgments and fears, pick up our compassion, and journey with others? For it is in the going-with-others that Christ is revealed.

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"CHURCHES OF CHRIST UNITING"

"Ecumenism" used to mean not only gathering with other Christians in church councils, but also the structural merger of Protestant denominations. Now the day of "organic unions" has largely passed. Today, interdenominational dialogues seek "full communion" while preserving churches' cherished traditions.

It is well to keep that altered definition of "ecumenism" in mind on the COCU or Consultation on Church Union Sunday. For, that is what General Synod delegates voted for last summer in Fort

Worth when they endorsed "The COCU Consensus."

A new document, "The Churches in Covenant Communion," envisions an ecumenism in which separate denominations would ordain clergy jointly, hold common baptismal services, celebrate communion together, and cooperate on mission projects. Since "membership in a particular church is membership in the whole People of God," the consensus document recognizes "one another's members as sharing a common membership and ministry."

The United Church of Christ vote represents a significant step toward an ecumenism of "visible unity," acknowledgment of other churches as "true churches" whose sacraments and ministers are valid, and whose members and mission are one with ours.

On this Sunday in particular, we celebrate this development, and the eight other member bodies of COCU that have also affirmed this historic covenant. breaking bread in their homes

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May 6, 1990

11:00 a.r

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" Healey Willa Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

PRAISE OF GOD

Responsive Call to Worship

Our shepherd invites us to this time of worship; L. our God leads us by refreshing waters.

As we share our lives with one another Ρ. our souls are restored.

God leads us in paths of righteousness and adds to our company day by day.

We would devote ourselves to the gospel and remember one another in our prayers.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") *Hvmn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, our eternal Shepherd: you delight in mercy and intend that all should return to you and live. Forgive our many slack and empty hours, our distrust of your will for us, our impatience under your guidance, the evil we have done, the good we have left undone, and all the transgressions which haunt our consciences. Grant us grace to live in love, obedience, and submission to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Child Care During Worship:

Today: Beth Lyon and Brian Harper

Next Sunday: Janet Mayse and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May	6	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Discover Fellowship Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	May	7		Circles 1 & 2 Circle 3
Tues.,	May	8	7:00 p.m.	College Commencement Worship Cub Scouts Circle 4
Wed.,	May	9	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs.,	May	10	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT #1

Each month during our Centennial Year, small exhibits concerning our church's history can be seen in the Narthex. They will be left in place for two Sundays. May 6th and 13th, you will see pictures of the first place of worship for our church. You will also see a listing of the nineteen Christians who met, "being desirous of associating ourselves together as a church," and who signed that first covenant. They were citizens of Mill Point but chose to name the church Elon College Christian Church. The name of the town was changed from Mill Point to Elon College in 1893.

Their first minister was Rev. W. S. Long. Services were held one Sunday each month, increasing this to two in 1894. Beginning in 1913, services were held every Sunday.

You may want to re-read the Principles of our church on the marble plaque in the narthex. These, as well as the Covenant, are in the Preamble to our Constitution.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair"

Healey Willan

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10

Sermon "The Door To Life"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Introduction in G Major" William Walond

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 1990

Acts 2:46

Worship and fellowship for the early Christians centered in the home. Common meals, then, were an important devotional time. The daily breaking of bread was a common meal become holy. Their homes were their churches. Did that make it easier for them to be aware of God's presence throughout the day? What about the breaking of bread in our homes? Do we share the sacredness the early Christians experienced in their daily routines? Common moments of mealtime and bedtime, prayer and song, stories and laughter, and working and playing can be holy moments of realization of God's presence with us.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

OLDER ADULTS ARE PART OF THE FAMILY, TOO

"Look to your father Abraham," the prophet Isaiah exhorts Israel, "and to Sarah who gave you birth..." Yes, look at Sarah and Abraham: God founded a nation through them when they were ninety years old! And look at Moses: God chose him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt when he was eighty! The Bible tells us God needs older adults. The church needs them too.

The church needs older adults because they are the keepers of the tradition. Without them, who would help us not to wander from the faith of our mothers and fathers?

The church needs older adults because they give so generously of their time. Without them, who would volunteer for the many tasks to be done?

The church needs older adults because they have accumulated material assets to share. Without them, who would provide the capital resources we need?

The church needs older adults because their faith has been tested and not found wanting. Without them, who would show us where to find the strength to live?

Look at all the older adults in church this morning! Does that mean that God's call comes to them and not the rest of us? No, God calls all of us to devotion and discipleship. So why are there so many older adults in the congregation? Because, like Sarah and Moses before them, older adults not only hear — they heed — God's call to loving service. "Hard of hearing?" Hardly.

On this Christian Family Week, let us remember that older adults are part of the church family, too.



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Chris Harris and Matt Mayse, Acolytes Today
Brian Rose, Liturgist Today

May 13, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "The Peacable Things" Clay R. Christianse
"Berceuse" La Mar Barru

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Psalm 150" John Rutte

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who brooded over the world when it was created, and broods now over your children until we are shaped in the image of Christ, we confess our daily sins: the word sharply spoken, the praise withheld, the embrace not given, the hurt disguised, the envy felt, the self indulged, the need neglected. Receive us now, broken, penitent, wishing it were otherwise. Enfold us in the arms of love and forgiveness, and restore a new spirit within us. Make us one with ourselves, with each other, with the world, with time and all the saints. Draw our fragmented family life into your gracious unity, we pray; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Litany for Mother's Day

L. Eternal Spirit, in whose presence is final joy, and before whom stand both the living and the dead:

P. We praise you, majestic God.

L. For setting the solitary in families, and softening the rigor and loneliness of our life,

P. We praise you, Father God.

L. For caring as a mother eagle sustains her fledgling, and as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,

P. We praise you, Mother God.

L. For creating humans to need long periods of nurture, making possible rich family life and high culture,

P. We praise you, social God.

L. For our mothers who have borne us, yearned over us, disciplined us, prayed for us, and sacrificed for us,

P. We praise you, loving God.

L. For all women whose maternal instincts have led them to care for children beyond their own,

P. We praise you, caring God.

L. For all women outraged by war, violence, and exploitation, who have become strong fighters for peace and justice,

P. We praise you, God of peace.

L. Help us to keep faith with the nobility of those who have gone before us and pointed the way toward life.

P. Help us, like them, to think bravely, love widely, witness humbly, and build greatly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter (The text of the anthem is that of Hymn #66)

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Rise Heart, Thy Lord is Risen"

from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams
Leonard Rowe, baritone

"Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise Without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise: That, as death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long: Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art."

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:7-16

Sermon "Freeze-Frame and Pilgrimage"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #383 "Forward Through the Ages"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Choral Response "As the Father Loves Us,

So Have I Loved You"

Ralph C. Shultz Thomas Richner

*The Congregation may stand at these points.

"Fanfare--Toccata"

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Please make checks out to Elon College Community Church with the notation CHIP II at the bottom.



Elon College students who have been singing in our choir this year include:

SOPRANOS: Catherine Beckham, Liz Grubbs, Lindee LeNoir,

Bonita Terry, Lisa Naatjes.

ALTOS: Amber Fritz, Stephanie Hulin, Candy Rotolo.

TENORS: Tim Hill, Chris Lawrence, Art Dornik.

BASS: William Keene, Leonard Rowe, David Wunner, Paul

Wheeler.

We thank these young people for their great contribution to our worship services.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Nell Snyder

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Child Care during Worship:

Today: Janet Mayse and Ryan Harris

Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Christy Rich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 13 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., May 14 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., May 15 10:15 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 1990

Psalm 31:7

I am glad for your steadfast love, O God.

Because you have called me your own,

Because you have cared for me through my troubles,

Because you have never deserted me,

I can believe in your love for me,

I can trust in your care.

I am glad for your steadfast love, O God.

For your steadfast love, I am glad.

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RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

"Farmers don't need reassurances; they need help of a very tangible nature." Those are the words of Rev. Donald A. Gall, and he ought to know. Reared on a South Dakota farm, Don Gall is the lowa Conference Minister.

But are the churches listening?

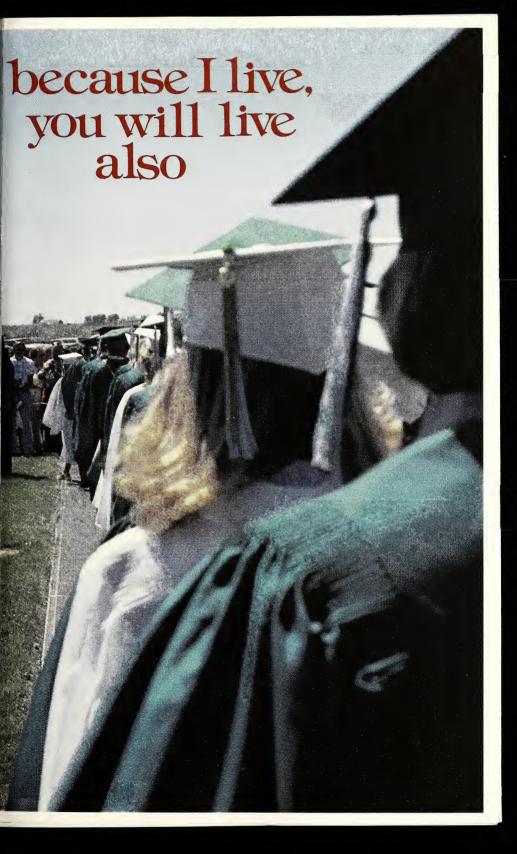
In Vermont, a UCC dairy farmer testified before state legislators that the "price I get for my milk isn't high enough to pay the bills." And the churches heard him. Working through the Vermont Ecumenical Council and Bible Society, they helped push through legislation providing subsidies and property tax abatements for ailing dairy farmers.

In Kansas, the problem isn't milk, it's water. A few years ago, aquifers and reservoirs seemed to have resolved the problem. But then pollutants threatened water quality. With support from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Kansas Rural Life Center is seeking a comprehensive ground water strategy.

As if floods and droughts aren't enough, farmers in Southern Illinois have to contend with land scarred by strip mining. But a seed grant from the conference helped start the Illinois South project to protect the rights of family farmers. New legislation now requires coal companies to return mined land to its former productive capacity.

On this Rural Life Sunday, we need to recall that we support these and other ministries with farm families through our gifts to

Our Church's Wider Mission.



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Vega Herold and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Today

May 20, 1990

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major" J. S. Back Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "Create In Me a Clean Heart" Alice Jordan

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come to the source of all truth, to the author of life.

P. We dare to approach our Creator in humility and thanksgiving.

L. God calls us away from the worship of things, from idols that block our view of God.

P. We will open ourselves to the Spirit of Truth as we seek new life in Christ.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
*Hymn #80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I have done a lot of running this week, Lord, but much of it was not for you. I have run in a lot of circles because I failed to organize my days in prayer. I have run down a lot of dead-end streets because I was not following the Spirit's leadership. I have run in loneliness because I was not running for love of others. I have run with a sense of heaviness because I was running under my own power. Forgive me, Lord, and help me find

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 20 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions

Tues., May 22 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts The Lodge



the right track for my life again. Let running become a joy again, and let me praise you as I run; through Jesus Christ, the greatest Runner of all. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Douglas Wagner
A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering
Offertory

"Solemn Melody"

Walford Davies

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #397 "Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading I Peter 3:13-22

Sermon "Grace Under Pressure"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #217 "Lord Of All Hopefulness"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Day By Day" Harold Friedell

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" Vaclav Nelhybel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 20, 1990 John 14:19

Jesus was preparing the disciples for his death when he spoke powerful words of life. His task was monumental: to explain to his close friends that he was going to die, but then live; that he, God, and the Spirit are one; and that from death he would be resurrected so that they could be brought into full communion with God. What words could Jesus say that would proclaim to them and the generations to follow that even in the face of uncertainty and death God gives life — abundant life, new life? "Because I live, you will live also."

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BE GLAD WE CAN HELP PEOPLE

I have often heard the remark, "Why don't we keep the money we send for Our Church's Wider Mission here at home for ourselves? After all, we don't know if it is spent wisely or goes for anything good overseas."

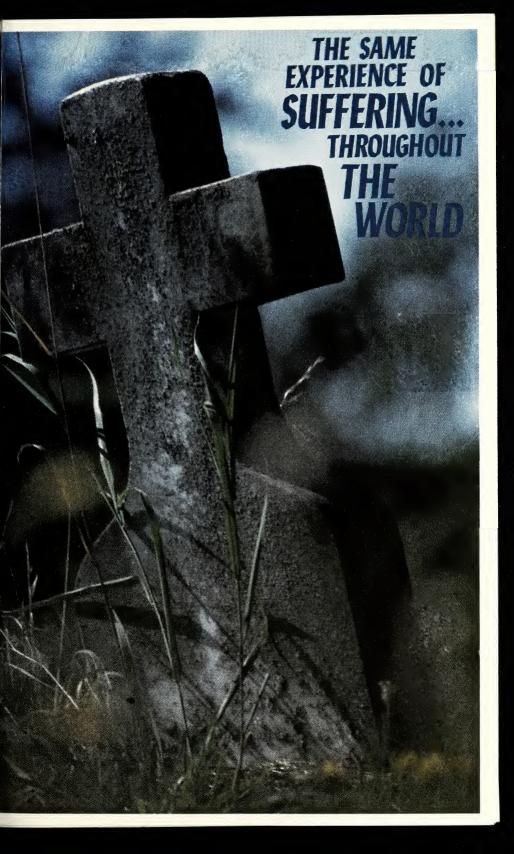
I had an experience while I was in the hospital. I had a nurse from the Philippines. One day she asked me what church I belonged to. I told her the United Church of Christ. "God bless that church!" she replied. "Had it not been for the school built by your church, my two sons would not have received an elementary school education," she continued. Then she told me that both her sons are now enrolled at the University of Missouri studying to be doctors in order to go back home to help their people. That little help which started from OCWM touches more people!

The nurse is over here learning how to take care of stroke patients. Like her sons, she plans to go back home to give her people a little hope. This is a wonderful family, and if our OCWM contribution helped in a small way, we have shown that there are people who care.

When you see OCWM on your financial report be glad that we can help people in such a small way and that someone is blessing our support.

A seed planted well brings forth good crops. The little seeds we plant with our contributions to OCWM may grow into a blooming plant of love for humankind.

Dorothy Wilson Peace UCC Hartsburg, MO



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SPECIAL CENTENNIAL COMMUNION SERVICE

May 27, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Meditation on the Communion Hymn Leo Sower Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured'".

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement
Introit "Holy God" John Rutt

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #1 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession'

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Passing Of The Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, all may greet those around them with an embrace or a handshake, accompanied by such words as: "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response: "And also with you.

*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Living Bread"

Gilbert M. Martin

Living Bread, our souls do hunger, Satisfy us by thy grace; From us who deserve thine anger, Hide thou not thy holy face.

In confession, humbly bowing, Stand we to remove our sin; By thy mercy thus allowing Holiness to enter in.

God of glory, we adore thee, Living Word, be thou our Bread; Feast we now in joy before thee, Till our hungry souls are fed.

- Elizabeth H. Shank

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Pray We To the Holy Spirit"

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Doxology (#515)

*Hymn #297 "O God, Above the Drifting Years"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 4:5-15

Meditation "Silver and Earthen Vessels"

How Our First Communion Set Came To Be

Narrator: Dr. Irvine

Margaret Etheridge: Lydia Troxler

Uncle Barry: Bill Ellis

*Hymn #287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" stanzas 1, 2

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy B

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #287, stanza 4

*Benediction

*Choral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord"

Ronald A. Nelson

*Postlude "Festival Voluntary" David N. Johnson

*The congregation may stand at these points.

COMMUNION LITURGY B

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; we thank you for commanding light out of darkness, for dividing the waters into sea and dry land, for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and freedom to choose your way. You have told us your purpose in commandments to Moses, and called for justice in the cry of the prophets. Through long generations, you have been fair and kind to all your children.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty Your ways are just and true.

With faithful people from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God, most high!

Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by men he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share his cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection before all people.

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

(The elements are distributed.)

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Alleluia! for the Lord our God, the Almighty, has come into his kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glory forever and ever. Amen.



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AT THE CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1990 4-6 P.M.

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<u>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REMINDER</u> - Date of the June general meeting, a Family Banquet, has been changed from June 3 to June 17.

THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are available in the narthex this morning. Please pick yours up as you leave church this morning. They will also be in the church office during the week.

Articles for the TORCH are due Tuesday morning.

Nursery today: Helene Ellis

Nursery next Sunday: Ellie Ketcham

Child Care during Worship:

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Church Picnic

Tues., May 29 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 27, 1990 1 Peter 5:9

Knowing that there is the same experience of suffering throughout the world can give us courage to accept our suffering and use it as a time for growth. Trusting that God will continue to care for us, we can dare to sink our roots into depths we never knew existed, and there become anchored more firmly in life, in faith. There is a depth to be explored, a wisdom to be learned, a strength to be found. Stay with the suffering until it is over. Grow through it. Then will God's work of creating, renewing, and saving prevail.

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DOLLARS AND DREAMS

In over half of the states of the Union, government encourages its citizens to gamble away their earnings. Public funds are spent on advertising that promotes the hope that luck, rather than hard work and thrift, can provide a financially secure future.

Rarely has government been so involved in an activity that conflicts with the beliefs and teachings of this and many other churches.

Gambling elevates personal gain to the level of idolatry; but the Bible condemns idolatry. Gambling encourages dependence upon chance; but Christianity looks to God for the final purposes of life.

If we accept what the Bible teaches — that all we possess comes as gifts from God — then gambling it away is out of the question. Furthermore, gambling promotes a "something for nothing" ethic at odds with the work ethic on which our Protestant system of values rests.

Gambling denigrates hard work by holding out the false promise of riches without effort. Every year in every state where it is encouraged, gambling attracts millions of the people least prepared to pay. Is it surprising that emphasis upon jackpots appeals especially to those who are already in the hole?

But more wagers only mean more suffering for them and their dependents. Because gambling saps family finances, it can lead to child neglect and divorce, as well as embezzlement and robbery. The courtrooms and jails, as well as welfare rolls and hospitals, bear witness to the victims of compulsive gambling.

What can the church do to counter this epidemic?

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June 3, 1990

PENTECOST

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Fantasia in G Major"

J. S. Bac

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God, come as you came on the day of Pentecost.

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. With rushing wind that sweeps away all our barriers,

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. With speech that transcends our diverse languages,

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. With love that overleaps the lines of race and nation,

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. With power from on high to make our weakness strong,

P. Come, Holy Spirit!

L. Pour out your love upon us, breathe your life within us, cast us forth into the work of your kingdom!

P. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #246

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that the Spirit has not moved us much lately; that wind and fire have been absent from our

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 3, 1990

4:00 p.m.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Elon College, North Carolina

"A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next."

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

HYMN 50 "Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear"

MEMOIRS The Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr.

PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION The Rev. Norman Harris

HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

BENEDICTION

Worship Leaders:
The Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr.
Pastor, Elon College Community Church
The Rev. Norman Harris
First Baptist Church of Elon College

BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes of 1989 Meeting Comments on Old Business New Business * * * * * * * * * *

IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Walter Cox	June 13, 1989
Mrs. Lois Smith	July 7, 1989
Mrs. Maresta S. Martin	July 18, 1989
Miss Flora Gertrude Browne (reburied here Oct.	August 7, 1989 21, 1989)
Mr. B. Frank Thomas	September 28, 1989
Mr. Wally Cox	September 23, 1989
Mrs. Viola Johnson	November 7, 1989
Mrs. Reggie Norwood McLelland	November 12, 1989
Mr. Odell H. Dempsey	November 13, 1989
Mrs. Sue Ella Watts Colclough	November 17, 1989
Mrs. Pretto Crumpton	November 29, 1989
Mrs. Betty N. Miles	December 7, 1989
Mrs. Kate McAdams	February 9, 1990
Mr. Wilkes E. Lowe, Jr.	February 26, 1990
Mr. Kenneth Clem	March 3, 1990
Mrs. Ruby Abell	March 9, 1990
Mrs. Leffie T. Lowe	May 1, 1990
Mrs. Vallie Cox	May 14, 1990



lives, that routine and dullness have marred our praying, our singing, our believing and our living. We confess that we have not been open so that the Spirit can change our lives. We have known too little gladness, too little ecstasy; miracles and wonders have been strangely absent; and we are holding so tightly to our possessions that there are almost no occasions for sharing. O God, open up our lives and help us to let go. Dissolve the foolish fears that make us grasp things rather than hold people. Calm the anxious hearts that want to store up goods and let life dribble away. Make real your sense of forgiveness so that we may become new people, free and whole. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance *Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Morning Song"

Healey Willan

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

"What Does This Mean?"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Fanfare"

Kenneth Leighton

*The congregation may stand at these points.

PENTECOST

JUNE 3, 1990 Acts 2:4

The miracle of Pentecost, both in that founding event that brought the church into being and in the on-going life of the church today, is that amidst a diversity of speaking there is a unity of understanding. The world now, as then, is filled with speech that, from a human perspective, becomes a cacophony of voices separating and dividing. Yet the refreshing breath of the Holy Spirit empowers a new communication that leaps over old barriers and enables us not only to hear but also to listen.

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

"You shall be my witnesses," Jesus said to his disciples. Ever since, that has been the watchword of the church of Jesus Christ.

During the past twenty years, we in the United Church of Christ have watched our witness diminish. Not for any slowing of the faith in our communion, but because of declining numbers.

Three years ago, the General Synod authorized a new all-church "thank" offering, called Strengthen the Church, to respond to the need for a renewed witness.

That witness means different things to different people. Some among us believe that our United Church of Christ is, above all, a prophetic church. Others in our fellowship place the highest priority upon worship and spiritual renewal. Obviously, neither mission nor evangelism is enhanced if our church does not recruit and train new leaders, revive older churches, and start new ones.

In other words, far from competing with mission, Strengthen the Church enhances it. New churches mean new gifts of time, talent, and treasure for local, conference, national, and overseas mission.

By the same token, without new churches in new places, we cannot witness effectively to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world. Strengthen the Church also means new homes for those seeking a free and mature Christian faith.

The future of the United Church of Christ's witness for peace, justice, and the integrity of creation, as well as for evangelism and spiritual growth, depends upon faithful support of Strengthen the Church. Let us give generously so that our church may grow both in spirit and prophecy.

Go Therefore... make disciples

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June 10, 1990

11:00 a.n

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Responsive Call to Worship

As every sermon is, in part, a heresy: so is every act of worship.

For we see in part, and we know only in part. Ρ.

We perceive in part, and we respond only in part. L.

Ρ. Since we are unable to declare the fullness of the mystery of the God-head, O Mystery, accept these our inadequate but sincere gestures of worship.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Christ, who contended with a legion of adversaries, and even the Prince of Demons: come into our prison which was once a garden, and take charge of our vacillating lives.

We have forgotten our creatureliness, and sought to be the unconditioned.

We have been lured into the trap of unleashing powers which consume us.

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Child Care during Worship:

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

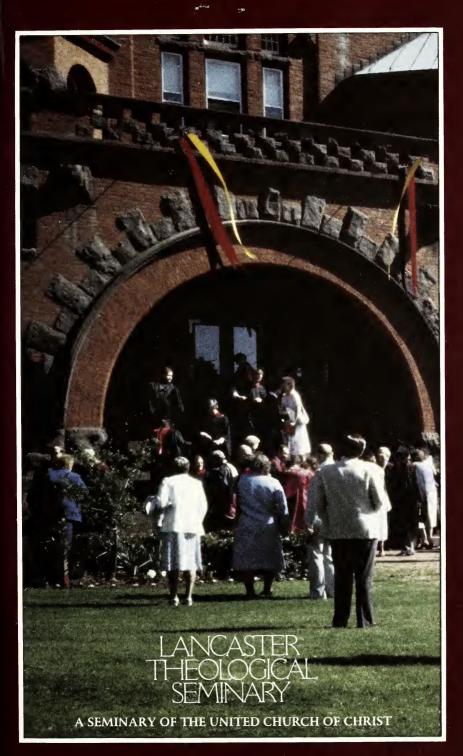
Sun., June 10 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

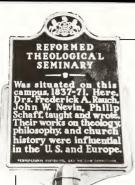
Mon., June 11 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., June 12 - 6:00 p.m. Allied Churches of Alamance Quarterly Mtg.

Wed., June 13 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees 8:15 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Committee









Dorothyanne Haigh '88 Master of Arts in Religion, of St. Paul's UCC, Johnstown, Pennsylvania



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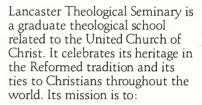


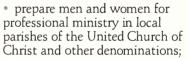
Craig W. Foster-Stout '88 Master of Divinity, of Danville, Pennsylvania, now pastor of First Congregational UCC, Canterbury, Connecticut

HONORING A TRADITION...

Founded at Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1825, the Seminary of the German Reformed Church moved to York, and then to

Mercersburg before coming to Lancaster in 1871, and to its present campus in 1893. In 1961 it became one of seven seminaries related to the United Church of Christ.





- enable persons to fulfill their callings to other ministries in the church and society;
- foster continuing education for clergy and laity, thereby assisting churches in the development of strong, effective leadership;
- nourish a caring community to enrich and support teaching and learning;
- stimulate theological reflection, research, initiative, and spiritual development in the church and the world.



Kenneth A. Almeida '88 Doctor of Ministry, of Grace St. John's UCC, Fort Wayne, Indiana



Chie Ohki Layman '88 Doctor of Ministry (also MDiv '77 and STM '79 from Lancaster), member of Church of the Apostles UCC, Lancaster, in private counselling



Richard Kwame Boatin Kyerematen '88 Master of Arts in Religion, from Kumasi, Ghana—Africa, of St. Cyprian Anglican Church,

... Shaping the Future \varTheta

The student body of 250 now represents the United Church of Christ along with persons from twenty other traditions, fifteen states, and four foreign countries.

Lancaster Theological Seminary 555 West James Street • Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603 • 717-393-0654 We find eash alibis and scapegoats for our own waywardness.

We are so far from the Source of life that we sometimes believe we are beyond your Spirit's power to recover us.

O Lord of power, who never rests easily where any of your creation is distorted: recast us again in your image, and renew our inner nature. As your grace comes to us again, we do not lose heart. Bring us into your presence, where through desiring to do your will, we find new freedom and our place in your family. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children *Gloria Patri (#513)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 13:5-14

Sermon "A Trinitarian Faith"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #249

"Ancient of Days"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 10, 1990 Matthew 28:19

Christ's charge to go and make disciples belongs with Christ's command to go and baptize. "Go make disciples" and "go baptize" are the church's two divine imperatives. And because the two are inseparable, making disciples really involves bringing people in touch with baptism, for baptism into the triune God is the sacred source that makes disciples. Mission to reach to the ends of the earth is, therefore, a sacred commission, and baptism the sacred sign commissioning and empowering the church for that mission.

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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

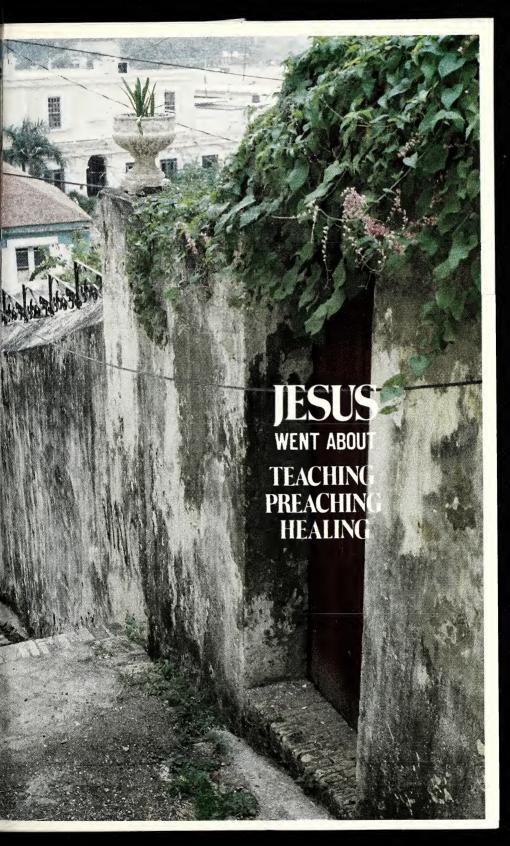
Lesotho is a small, impoverished country completely surrounded by South Africa. If Africa means steaming jungles to you, then Lesotho defies the stereotype. No part of this starkly beautiful country lies less than four thousand feet above sea level, and in the highlands heavy snows are common.

Most of the Batsuto people of Lesotho are Christians, and nearly half of those are Protestants. We have French missionaries to thank for that. The Lesotho Evangelical Church (LEC) they helped found over a century ago is the oldest and largest Protestant church in the country.

While its pastors are supported by local congregations, the Lesotho Evangelical Church depends upon outside help in funding its many schools, two hospitals, and theological seminary.

United Church of Christ involvement in Lesotho is only recent. It stems from our growing partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which has related to the LEC since the 1960s. In tandem with the Disciples' mission body, our own United Church Board for World Ministries supports a missionary couple in Lesotho today. Robert Williams teaches Christian education at Morija Theological Seminary and Jane Williams is an instructor of typing and ethics at Morkja Girls High School. From 1986 to 1988, long-term UCC missionaries, Gene and Natalie Johnson, served at Scott Hospital, an LEC institution in Morija.

We support relationships of service with our Christian sisters and brothers in Lesotho through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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June 17, 1990

11:00 a.i

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Elegy"

Arthur Wil

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Happy are the people who have learned to worship God.
- P. Happy are those who walk in God's presence.
 L. In God's name shall they rejoice all the day.
- P. God's righteousness shall lift them up forever.
- L. Let us worship God in gladness!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We wake up in the morning, Lord, and we see our faces a no one else sees them--no one else, that is, but you. The person we see in the mirror sometimes surprises us, occasionally pleases us, but often disappoints and embrasses us. In our better moments we know that the life we see in the mirror, with all of its selfishness, stubborness, fear, and confusion is not the person you meant for us to be. And yet, there are also those rare and precious moments when we almost believe that when you look at us, you see not the face of our sin, but the face

of Christ. We admit to you that this is our only hope. O loving God, make us strong enough to admit our weakness, and weak enough to accept your strength. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

The Passing of the Peace
(Greet those around you with a word of welcome as a sign
of our reconciliation with God and each other.)

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering |

Offertory "All Glory be to God on High" Johann Walther

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #322 "Jesus Calls Us"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany of Intercession for Children

L. Loving God, you have created us for life together and placed in our midst the young who are symbols of both

hope and vulnerability.

P. Hear our prayers for all your children: to sustain their hope and joy and youth; to comfort and console their vunerability. Hear us as we pray for that precious gift of life.

L. We pray for children...

P. ...who put chocolate everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes.

L. And we pray for those...

P. ...who stare at photographs from behind barbed wires, who can't bound down the street in a new pair

@ FUN CLUB @ THES. JUNE 19TH 1030 A.M. PARISH J JLIDE TALK BY BILL WEST ON THE GALAPODOS ISL (LOCALE OF DARWIN STUDY OF EVOLUTION) LUNCH AT MICK'S CUISINE WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

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Nursery today: Mona Atkinson

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Child Care during Worship:

Today: Cile Welborn and Jamie Brown

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 noon YETS Meeting for Senior

Highs and Parents

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Family Banquet

Tues., June 19 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 17, 1990

Matthew 9:35

Teaching, preaching, and healing were three ways in which Jesus reached people with the good news of God's reign. Most of us are quite certain that Jesus was effective in his ministry. Yet it is difficult for some of us to be convinced that ever since Jesus handed over the authority to his own twelve disciples, the Holy Spirit likewise empowers the church, and that, even in the hands of mere mortals, the same ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing still works wonders!

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RECIPE FOR YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP

Find a cook! Ask some people to plan and lead your year-round stewardship program. Use this recipe:

One part Bible study:

Study the biblical principles of stewardship, the tithe, and first fruits giving. Preach and hear sermons on discipleship, mission, and stewardship.

One part mission study:

Find out what our church's wider mission is - at home and abroad. Use "Mission Moments" in Sunday worship. Become acquainted with those who do the mission. Get involved yourselves.

Two parts prayer:

Pray for your own discipleship and for the congregation's leadership and work.

Two parts "agreeing together":

Study your church covenant together, or together write a mission statement for your congregation.

Two parts budgeting:

Study your family budget in light of Christian stewardship; revise accordingly. Study your congregation's budget and revise to meet your congregation's newly-decided goals. Involve the entire congregation in this process.

One part financial enlistment:

Be as personal as possible. Tell the story clearly. Ask directly for support. Be specific. Respect people's right to decide alone. Bless commitments in an act of public worship.

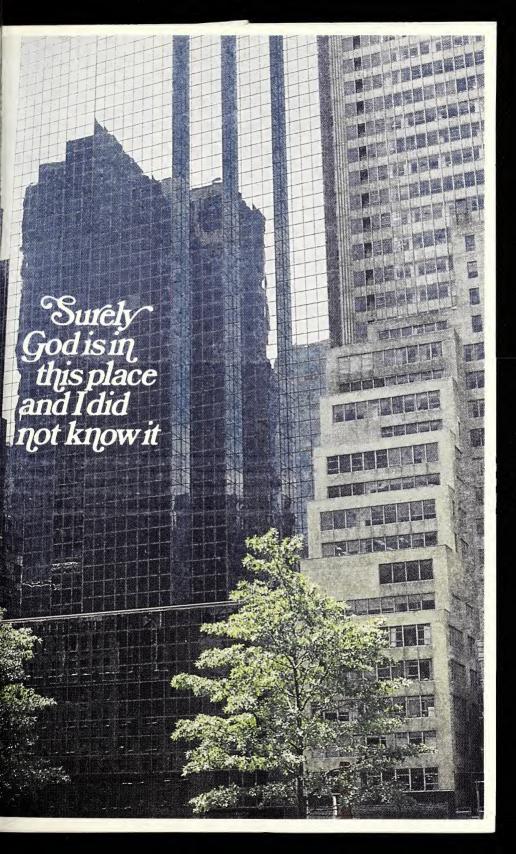
One part follow-up:

Keep in touch with members about how they are doing.

One part planning ahead:

Start planning next year's stewardship program now.

Mix well, stir, light a fire, allow to simmer.



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June 24, 1990

11:00 a.i

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Choral Prelude on "Abide With Me" T. Tertius Nob Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Ba Ellen Barney Williams, mezzo-soprano Farewell, Now I Must Leave Thee Johannes Brah

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come together, disciples of Jesus, who dwell in the shadow of the Most High.

P. Surely God is in this place; this is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

L. Let Christ be your teacher and example and the Holy Spirit your inspiration and guide.

P. When God calls we will answer; with our whole lives we will serve God.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are afraid our wrongdoing will be discovered and avenged. We fear the deep recesses of our own evil and anger, and we project them on the world around us. Sometimes our pride gets in the way of growth. Perhaps we have wanted to be greater than our Teacher, to avoid the taunts and betrayal Jesus endured. Forgive us, God, for being so wrapped up in ourselves that we can see

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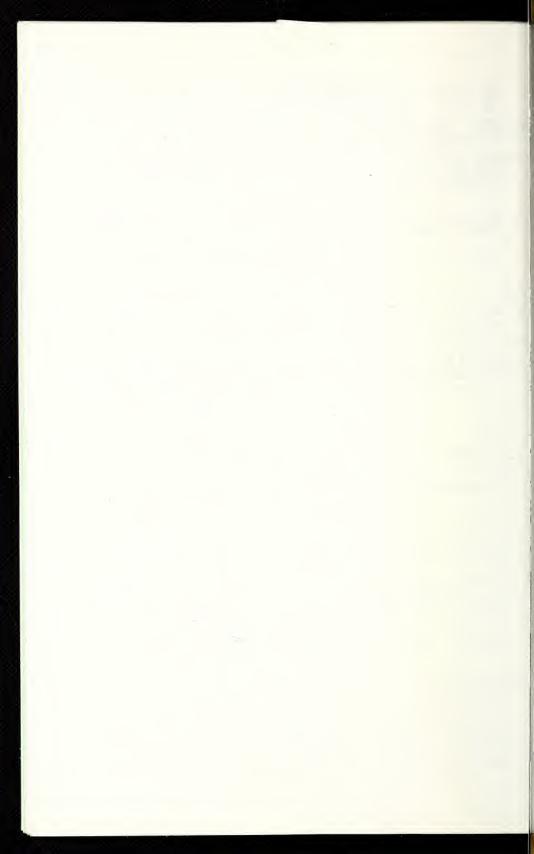
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Child Care During Worship

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June 24	-	11:00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions
Mon.,	June 25	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
Tues.,	June 26	-	7:00 p.m.	Centennial Fund Committee
Thurs.,	June 28	-	3:30 p.m.	Centennial Committee
Sat.,	June 30	-	8:45 a.m.	Cub Scout trip to



neither our sin nor the way you value us. Keep us from denying you in word or deed, and grant us your salvation. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

The Passing of the Peace

(Greet those around you with a word of welcome as a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other.)

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "The Song of the Tree of Life"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ellen Barney Williams, mezzo-soprano

"Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God. On either side of the river groweth the tree of life; the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal. Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely. Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst. Take thou the leaves of the tree of life. So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city."

- words adapted from the Book of Revelation

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24-33

Sermon "What to Fear, and What Not"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #444 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Hymne d'Actions de graces" <u>Te Deum</u>

Jean Langlais

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 24, 1990 Genesis 28:16

Our imaginations can easily spot the places where we think God is. Yet sometimes we are surprised to find that God is where we think God isn't. What may seem on the surface a very mundane occurrence may become a quite extraordinary event in which we, like Jacob awakening from his dream, discover that God has been up close all along. God has a way of intruding amidst our everyday routines to transform them into awe-inspiring moments of divine encounter that reveal a holy presence in the least likely of places.

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FULL CIRCLE

Thirty-three years ago this week, delegates from the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church joined hands in Cleveland, Ohio, to form the United Church of Christ.

It was a brave but faithful ecumenical step that placed painful strains on the fellowship. Unresolved legal challenges to the merger overshadowed the proceedings. Still, when delegates to the Uniting General Synod departed Cleveland, they were filled with hope and determination.

This year, after more than twenty-five years in New York, the national headquarters of the United Church of Christ was moved to Cleveland. Symbolically this decision buries forever the doubts and fears of the founders. But what of their hope and determination?

On this anniversary of the founding of our church, let us pray that the move to Cleveland renews the spirit and purpose felt and proclaimed by the courageous folk who formed our communion in 1957.

This week let us also pray that the same spirit fills the city of Bloomington, Indiana. That is where hundreds upon hundreds of our brothers and sisters in the faith gather tomorrow for five days of worship and fellowship, education and inspiration, on the campus of Indiana University.

The one-of-a-kind event is called UCC Experience 1990: Faith Works. Its purpose is to nurture and renew our faith while celebrating our life together in the United Church of Christ.

UCC Experience 1990, like the move to Cleveland, symbolizes how far we have come on our journey together in thirty-three years.

The too might walk in newness of Life

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Tara McKenna and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Today

July 1, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Responsive Call to Worship

L. Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!

P. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised!

L. It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, Most High;

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #372

"How Firm a Foundation"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves For the sake of Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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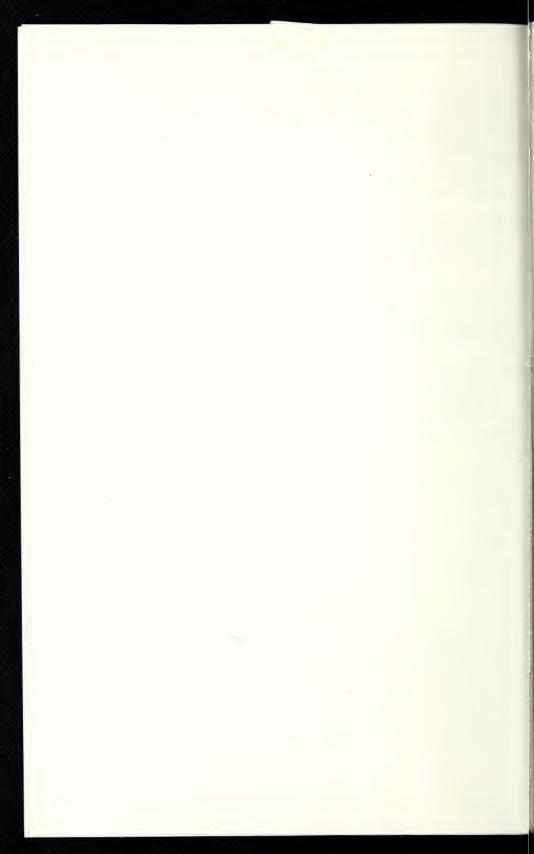
Today: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper Next Sunday: Wilma Williamson and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wed., July 4 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs., July 5 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education



COMMUNION LITURGY E

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

Through the great Shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his Resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we fell into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for all humanity.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take this and eat it; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, we recall the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer to you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the body and blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ; By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God! Take them in remembrance that Christ gives himself for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance *Gloria Patri (#513)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering.

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Praver

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 32:3-31

Sermon

"Wrestling in the Dark"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy E

*Hymn #285 "According To Thy Gracious Word"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 1, 1990 Romans 6:4

Baptism's gift is a newness of life made possible through Christ's own death and resurrection. Although baptism is a one-time sacrament, what is given us in our baptism is the promise of repeated renewal by the resurrecting power of God. The old self, like a flag so faded and frayed that it can only be buried honorably in the ground, is resurrected into a new self filled full and rich with the refreshing breeze of the Holy Spirit. But the miracle is that we don't need to wait to die for our flag to fly!

F. Russell Mitman Broadmoor Community Church Colorado Springs, CO

INDIA

The very name, Calcutta, reminds us that human suffering and need in the subcontinent of India are enormous. But so is the response. As the Rev. Lloyd Van Vactor, Associate General Secretary of our United Church Board for World Ministries says, "Of all the countries I have visited in recent years, India has the most programs for rural and disadvantaged persons."

Much of the credit for that goes to our partners, the Church of North India, the Church of South India, and the Church Auxiliary for Social Action. Known as CASA, this latter body began as a relief agency. In times of disaster — tidal waves, floods, and famine — CASA is there with medicines, blankets, and food. Today, CASA also works in agricultural and community development, with particular emphasis upon grassroots organization.

Not particularly rich in resources themselves, our Christian colleagues in India have been successful in teaching people how to tap development funds available from their government. Rural women's programs, for example, encourage members to petition local authorities for assistance to their communities.

When government resources are not available, church-related personnel in India put our gifts to effective use. In urban slums and rural villages, more and more emphasis is being placed on training paraprofessionals in the fields of primary health care, social work, agricultural technology, and water resourcing.

We give thanks for the opportunity to help our partners in India with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Who will deliver me?

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Miss Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist
Chris Harris and Matt Mayse. Acolytes Today

July 8, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Responsive Call to Worship

L. This is God's day, and we are God's people.

P. Let us come into God's house with thanksgiving.

L. Let us lift up our hearts with gladness.

P. Let us praise our God with all that is in us!

L. Let us gather and focus ourselves.

P. So may God's Spirit enter us in power.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I do not understand my own actions, O God of all life. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. Who will deliver me from this body of death! Hear me and answer, Gracious God! Amen.

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Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Andrea Albertson

Child Care During Worship

Today: Wilma Williamson and Ryan Harris Next Sunday: Sue Brown and Christy Rich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., July 9 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., July 10 - 7:30 p.m. Afterschool Executive Committee

Wed., July 11 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees



Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon "Hidden From the Wise"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 8, 1990 Romans 7:24

There is in each of us a wanting to do the best for ourselves, for others, and for God. Yet there is also in us a certain reluctance—maybe it's fear, sometimes it's doubt, often it's forgetfulness—that holds us back and leaves the best undone. But the news almost too good to be true is that Christ breaks the chains that imprison us in the past. Christ completes what is unfinished in us. So the future overtakes the past, the impossible becomes possible, and desires can become realities.

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CAMP

Like alumni of the proverbial small college on the hill, former campers become misty-eyed when they recall summer camp.

They conveniently forget the drafty cabins, lumpy bunk beds, primitive toilet facilities, and mystery menus in the dining hall.

Nostalgia burnishes their memories—not only of campfire songfests and vespers on the lake, but even of bug juice and k. p. Why are grown men and women reduced to sentimental babble

by memories of camp?

Because, very simply, at camp one is glad to be alive. Sunrise really does signal new life; and sunset brings the promise of

rest-and, oh, what peaceful sleep!

When one is grateful to be alive one seeks out someone to thank. That quest leads inescapably to God. Camp makes believers of us all. At camp God is not a theologian's construct or a therapist's aide. God is manifestly the Creator of the world and the loving caretaker of creation. God is in nature and neighbor. At camp conflict and alienation give way to cooperation and caring, which are God's ways.

Camp is unique. What cannot be captured anywhere else but camp is that silent, endless moment at dawn when we open our eyes to the blue sky and whisper a heartfelt prayer: "Thank God

I'm alive!"

That epiphany alone justifies all the planning and upkeep of all the church camps we support with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Heidi Troxler and Emily Woody, Acolytes Today

July 15, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The church gathers in the name of Jesus Christ.

P. We come because we have been called to follow him.

L. We come to worship God in his name,

P. We come to sing praises and to focus our minds on his word.

L. Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #21 "We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you are like a parent who cares for the welfare of the family. We often behave like thoughtless, selfish children. We want the best of everything for ourselves, without considering the general good. We are reluctant t invest our time and energy for the benefit of others. Forgive us, O God, and let the family become more important to us. Help us to be like Christ, who gave up everything for the sake of your family. Amen.

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Nursery today: Andrea Albertson Nursery next Sunday: Cile Welborn

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Sue Brown and Christy Rich

Next Sunday: Brian Rose and Beth Tickle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 15 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JULY 16-20 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Tues., July 17 - 7:30 p.m. Divorce Recovery Workshop



Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

- *Gloria Patri (#513)
- *Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

Recollection

Dr. Walstein Snyder

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff" *Hvmn #381 (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-37; Hebrews 11:8-16

Sermon

"The Pilgrim Principle"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #259 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 15, 1990 Matthew 13:3

Parables are stories that compare one level of reality to another: "The kingdom of heaven is like" But parables also engage the hearers and force a confrontation and identification with the greater story Jesus tells; Jesus' parables are not objective but subjective. Hence, when each parable concludes, there's always an "I" or a "me," a "we" or an "us" left over, along with a question mark that requires the listeners to write the story's ending in their own words and deeds and lives.

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VOLUNTEERS

Today, as in the past, Partners in Service programs of the United Church of Christ provide opportunities for persons of faith to engage in meaningful voluntary service. Alternatives offered through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries range from one-year and shorter-term service with troubled youth, frail elderly, and retarded persons, as well as community organizing and hunger and peace advocacy, all the way to summer service in institutional, community, and camping programs. There are also ecumenical volunteer programs in national parks and overseas.

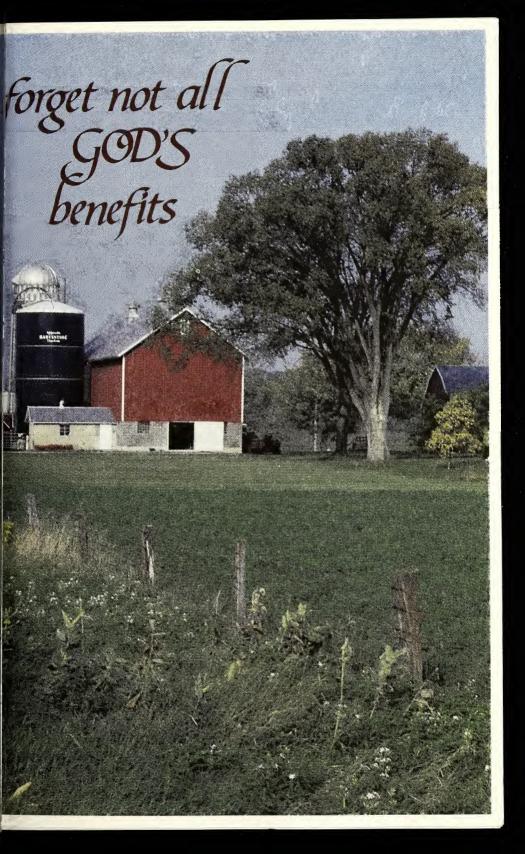
All of these voluntary programs cost money. People who donate their time as a gift make an enormous contribution to God's mission through the church. Still, their recruitment and travel, room, board, and insurance coverage all cost money. So do their

stipend, if any, and supervision.

The costs of volunteer service are part of our mission work. Indeed, they are an indication of the seriousness with which the United Church of Christ approaches voluntary service. And it is money well spent, their sponsors will tell you, because a good program requires adequate funding. Those are some of the things you learn during more than forty years of experience enabling individuals to volunteer for Christian service through the church.

We give thanks for the persons from our churches who volunteer for Christian service. We also give thanks for the persons who provide the gifts of money to Our Church's Wider Mission that

help cover volunteer expenses.



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emer Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Mayse, acolytes today Dr. Carole Troxler, liturgist today

July 22, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

P. Bless the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

L. God forgives iniquity and heals disease and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

P. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

In the natural joys of the summertime, O God, we are inclined to forget the disciplines of the inner life. We do not pray as regularly as we ought, or meditate on your Word. We think about our own pleasures and slip into neglect of others' needs. We enjoy the bounty of summer gardens without remembering those who lack enough to eat.

Forgive us, O God, and turn us again to the things of the Spirit, that we may justify the grace you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #459 "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:18-25

Sermon

"The Mystery of Nature"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hvmn #277

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The Congregation may stand at these points.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 1990 Psalm 103:2

Self-sufficiency is the sin that attaches itself most readily to a technological and affluent society. It is so easy to believe that who we are and what we have are the products of our own doing. Therefore, until our idols betray us, it is also easy to forget that underneath the world's make-up we are terribly dependent creatures who cannot live apart from each other, and whose abundant life is not made but given by a God who insures us with the best of all benefits.

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INDIGENOUS AMERICANS

United Church of Christ members and congregations enthusiastically support our Council for American Indian Ministry. We are committed to continuing mission with our indigenous brothers and sisters, both on the reservations and off.

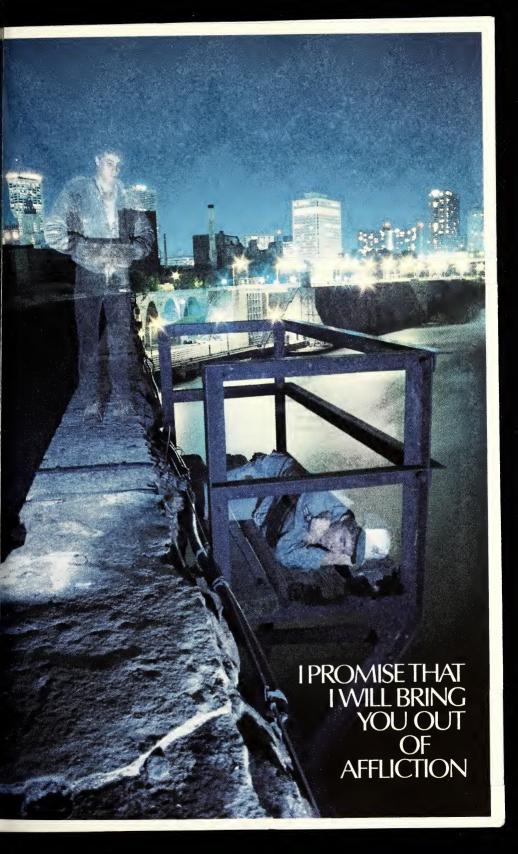
Some of us tend to forget, however, that there are indigenous populations in other hemispheric nations where we work through our Christian partners. Thus, our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission not only help sustain Indian ministries within the United States, but also elsewhere in the Americas.

Working with our partner, the Latin American Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Mexico, the United Church Board for World Ministries helps provide theological training for Mayan Indians in remote areas of the Yucatan peninsula. The coordinator of CELEP-Mexico is the Rev. Pedro Uc Be, a dynamic young Mayan pastor.

In addition, volunteers from the Illinois Conference of the UCC cooperate with the Diocese of Chipas in a ministry of service to Guatemalan Indian refugees in southern Mexico.

In Nicaragua, UCBWM supports the "Bufete Popular," a legal assistance service to the indigenous Miskito, Sumo, and Rama tribes who seek the right to autonomy and self-determination on the Atlantic Coast of that Central American land.

In Ecuador, our representatives work with Indian congregations related to our partner, the United Evangelical Church. Eugene and Helen Braun have served for over thirty years in this mountainous South American land. Elvira and Gerardo Arndt are part of a new dimension of partnership which brought them from their native Argentina to work with indigenous people in Pastocalle, Ecuador.



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July 29, 1990

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Responsive Call to Worship

L. We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our way, our truth, and our life, and to celebrate our unity in him.

P. We gather as those who have inherited a treasure handed down to us by our ancestors in the faith, "who served the days they could not see."

L. We gather to celebrate the goodness of our creation, and the sustaining Providence that has graced us and kept us in safety across our years and miles.

P. We gather to honor this church's meaning for us, to hear God's call to reshape it for a new time, and to be energized for our future service.

All Alleluia! We lift our hearts to the lord! Amen.

All: Alleluia! We lift our hearts to the Lord! A

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Because we have seen pain without being moved, because we forget your love with solemn pride, because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us. For speaking of love without loving our sister or brother, for speaking of faith without living your word, because we live without seeing our personal evil, our sin, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.

For our tranquility in our affluent life, for our great falseness in preaching about poverty, for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance *Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

Quartet "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Dorcas Lohr, soprano; Mona Covington, alto;
Tom Conally, Tenor; Ray Covington, bass

A Time With Children

The Rev. Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 25:1-12; Romans 8:26-30; Luke 4:16-21

Sermon "Faith Journey's Jubilee" Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #372 "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

We welcome as our guest preacher this morning our former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton, who served here from 1967 to 1984. Dr. Hamilton is Area Conference Minister for Catoctin and Chesapeake Associations in the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Ellie Ketcham

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Lou Harper and Rob Woody

Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Katie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun:, July 29 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Refreshments on front
lawn
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Lunch following

Tues., July 31 - 7:30 p.m. Divorce Workshop

Thurs., Aug. 2 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education

Sat., Aug. 4 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Retreat at Lodge

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 29, 1990 Exodus 3:17

Ever since faith's founding, God has promised to lead the people of God through the deep waters from bondage to freedom. From slavery to an ancient pharaoh to addiction to a modern chemical, God promises not only a way out of affliction but a promised land on the other side of suffering. And, to set God's special people free, the One whose name is too holy to be uttered by human lips finds some incredibly ordinary people and empowers them with heaven-sent gifts to tell the old pharaohs, "Let my people go!"

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AIDS/HIV MINISTRIES

In the midst of an international AIDS/HIV pandemic, the Bible makes no secret of our Christian responsibilities. We are summoned to love and sustain all those who are living with AIDS/HIV, regardless of how they contracted the virus, as well as their families, friends, and caregivers.

To reinforce that imperative, our 16th General Synod urged all of us to become leaders in the mobilization of compassionate ministries, effective public policy, and preventive education regarding AIDS/HIV.

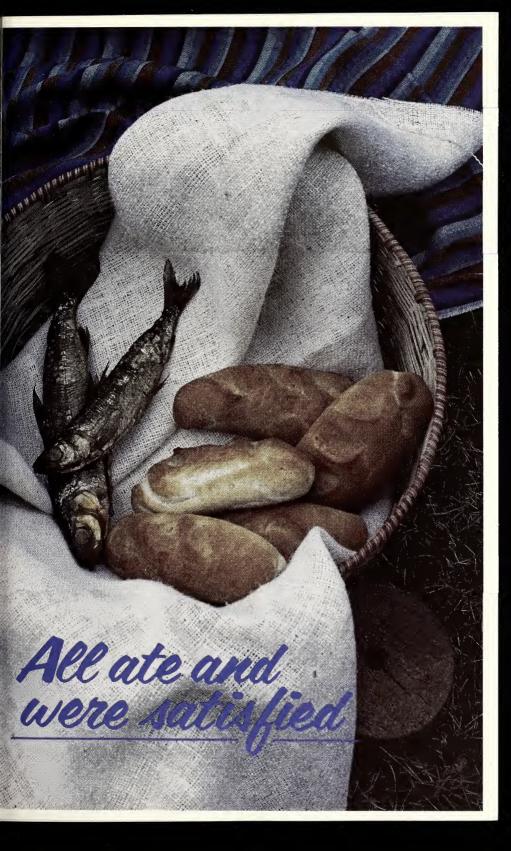
What are the national bodies of our denomination doing to bring hope and health and healing in the midst of this human tragedy?

* Our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries was instrumental in creating the AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN), bringing together local, regional, and national religious faith communities committed to AIDS/HIV ministry. This year UCBHM hired a fulltime Secretary for AIDS Programs and Ministries Coordination.

* Last year, our Office for Church in Society increased its commitment to education and action by creating the position of Consultant for AIDS Policy Advocacy in its Washington, D.C. office. With ANIN, OCIS is developing a comprehensive approach to interfaith involvement in AIDS public policy advocacy.

* This year the United Church AIDS/HIV Network (UCAN), which made a powerful witness at the 17th General Synod, is organizing in each United Church of Christ conference in order to nurture mutual support among church members affected by AIDS/HIV.

These initiatives cost money. We support them gladly with gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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August 5, 1990

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemer

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come away to a lonely place for a while to sit and learn at the feet of Jesus.

P. Where Jesus lives we are not lonely, for there is compassion and healing power.

L. In Christ's presence none go hungry, but all find bread for body and soul.

P. Christ is, for us, the bread of life, and bids us feed our neighbor.

L. Miracles of sharing are inspired by small gifts, spontaneously offered, without pretense or guile.

P. We want to experience the miracles of Christ, beginning in our own actions and attitudes.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

All-loving God, who knows the secrets of our hearts even when they are a puzzle to us, we admit to you the problems in our natures. We are seldom satisfied with

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Nursery today: Ellie Ketcham Nursery next Sunday: Helene Ellis

Child Care During Worship

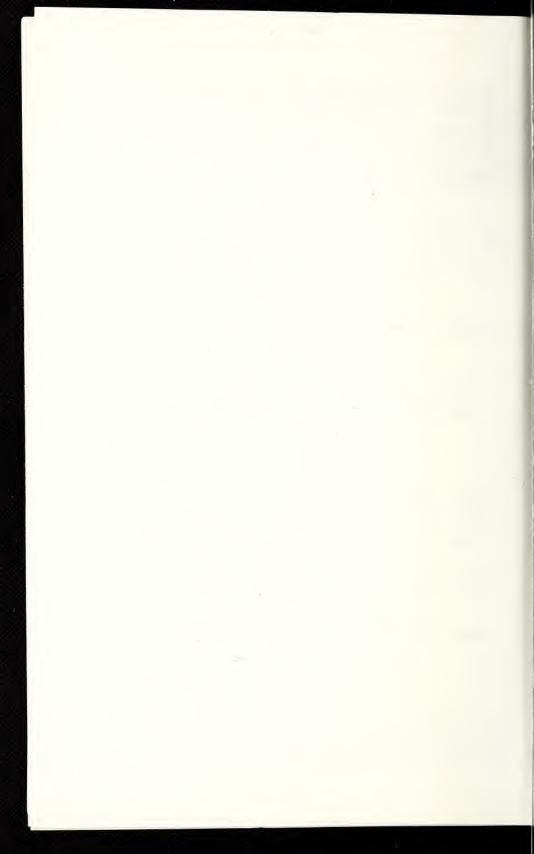
Today: Ann Acquilano and Katie Brown Next Sunday: Beth Lyon and Jamie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 5 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Executive Committee

Mon., Aug. 6 - 7:00 p.m. Committee for Second Century

Tues., Aug. 7 - 7:30 p.m. Divorce Workshop



what we have in life. We long for what others have, though we would be bored with it if it were ours. We do not realize our real worth, and would like to be admired and famous. We often miss the simple gifts of every day because we are searching for what we do not have. Teach us to wait before you in prayer. Open our eyes and ears to the beauty and mystery of what is ours. Strengthen our ability to give out as you diminish our greed to take in. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #317 "I Love to Tell the Story"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon "When God Is Your Host"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 5, 1990 Matthew 14:20

A sack lunch of five crusty rolls and two sardines are never enough to feed a multitude. The benefits a secular society promises are meager provisions for a generation searching for more than bread alone. So, hungering and thirsting for more than the everyday, people find themselves drawn to sacred storehouses to sample sacramental things. And the miracle, both ancient and modern, is that not only are the longings satisfied, but there are also plenty of spiritual leftovers to share with others.

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WATER

The people of Africa's Sahel learned the value of water during the past decade, when their region was devastated by drought.

Each dry season forced villagers in Niger, a country in the heart of the Sahel, to dig even deeper into the parched earth to find the life-giving underground springs. But traditional well-digging techniques failed the challenge, as walls caved in and the well water became polluted.

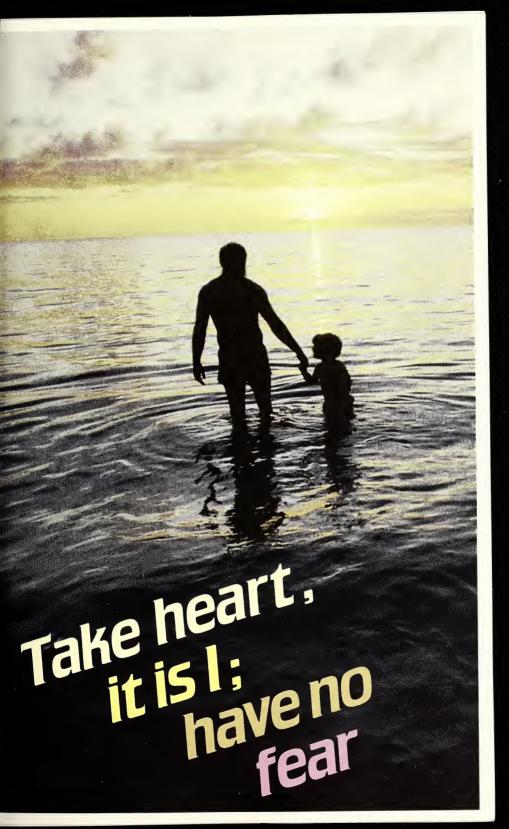
Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing helped introduce appropriate well-digging technology to the African Sahel. Church World Service provided the materials and the villages provided the labor. Using a cylindrical metal mold, the well excavation was lined with concrete. As a result, the walls could not collapse, and

the water was protected.

As an example of partnership, however, the story of wells in the Sahel does not end there. After installing their own wells, villagers from Niger took the new technology to neighboring Senegal. Grateful for this innovation, the Senegalese reciprocated with their own invention: a simple, economical water pump for use in drawing water from the well. Thus, the visitors from Niger returned home with something to improve their lives, too.

Partnership in mission—such as the sharing of ideas and technology between villages in Niger and Senegal—confounds old conceptions of who gives and who receives. We support this new "mutuality" in mission with our gifts to Our Church's Wider

Mission.



FION COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti Crystal Bradley and Amy Rose, Acolytes Today Marie Wilkins, Guest Organist Today

August 12, 1990

11:00 a.m

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Some of us have done business on great waters. and seen God's wondrous works in the deep.

For God commanded, and raised the stormy wind. Ρ. which lifted up the waves of the sea.

We mounted up to heaven, we went down to the depths; L. our courage melted away in our evil plight.

Then we cried to God in our trouble. Ρ. and God delivered us from our distress.

God made the storm be still. and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then we were glad because we had quiet, and God brought us to our desired haven.

God raises up the needy out of affliction.
We will thank God for God's steadfast love!

Ρ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hvmn #38

"Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I admit to you, O God, that I am often distressed by th daily news: by the failure of nations to agree, by the insistent problems of hunger and war and economy; by crime and negligence and immorality. I wish my sense of the

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Helene Ellis Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Child Care During Worship

Today: Beth Lyon and Jamie Brown

Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Daniel Doyle

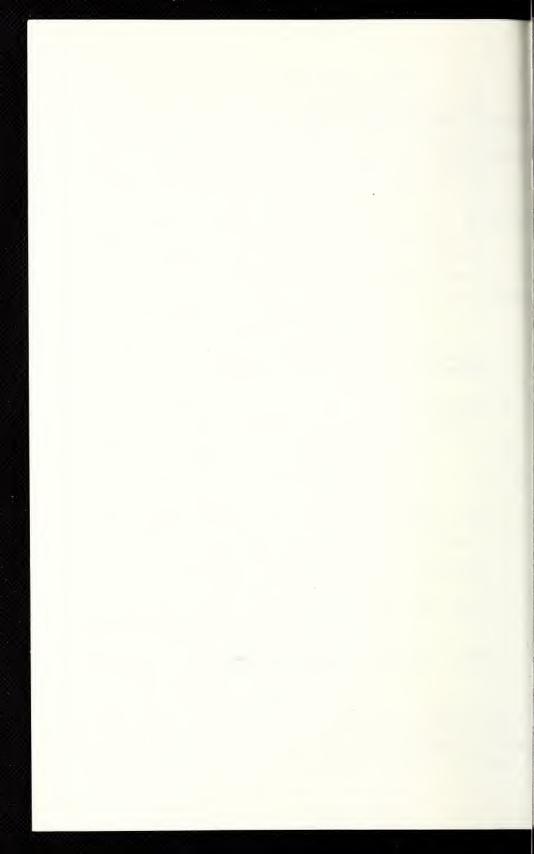
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 12 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., Aug. 13 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Aug. 14 - 7:30 p.m. Divorce Workshop 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

Wed., Aug. 15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Afterschool Committee



COMMUNION LITURGY B

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; we thank you for commanding light out of darkness, for dividing the waters into sea and dry land, for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and freedom to choose your way. You have told us your purpose in commandments to Moses, and called for justice in the cry of the prophets. Through long generations, you have been fair and kind to all your children.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty Your ways are just and true.

With faithful people from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, holy, God of power and majesty, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God, most high!

Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by men he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share his cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection before all people.

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread, so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Alleluia! for the Lord our God, the Almighty, has come into his kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glory forever and ever. Amen.

presence of Christ were stronger, and I had more confidence in his eternal victory over the world. Then I would not be shaken by the winds of adversity, but would stand like a tree planted by the living waters. Forgive my weakness, O God, and deepen my faith in your word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

'Hymn #358 "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 14:22-33

Meditation

"The Hurricane's Eye"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy B

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #399

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Benediction

Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 12, 1990 Matthew 14:27

When we seem alone in the night, tossing and turning on the alternatives and decisions that unsettle our lives, our solitude sometimes is intruded upon by an unexpected presence coming to us from the other side of the silent watch. Our rationality is terrified by divine surprises, and our humanity may even resent heaven meddling in our private affairs. Yet our fear is always answered with "It is I, have no fear," and Christ comes up recognizably close, settles the sea, and whispers a deep peace to our soul.

F. Russell Mitman Broadmoor Community Church Colorado Springs, CO

ONE OUT OF FIVE

"One of five children are poor," shouted the newspaper headline. The story that followed filled in the grim details. "Despite six years of economic growth, 12.6 million Americans under eighteen live in a household with income below the government's official poverty line, according to the U.S. Census Bureau." The proportion of children in poverty was the highest of any age group in the country in 1988. Among African American and Hispanic children, the proportion was even higher: two in five were poor.

By definition, these facts were "news" to readers of daily papers from coast to coast. But they shouldn't have come as a surprise

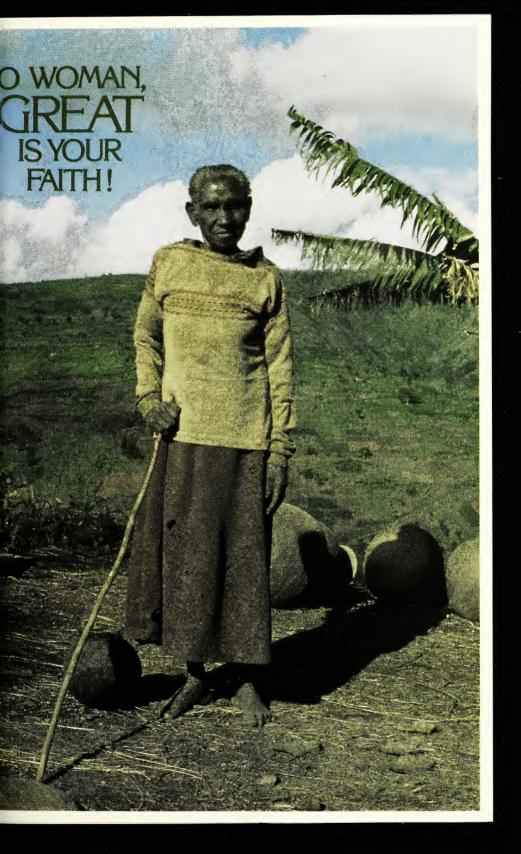
to members of the United Church of Christ.

Long before being "discovered" by the media, children in poverty had advocates in the United Church of Christ. First, the Office for Church in Society brought the plight of children in poverty before the churches. Then, in a series of OCIS-sponsored regional public hearings, culminating in Washington, D.C., representatives of churches and social agencies testified to the growing number of children whose health, education, and development are impaired by poverty.

It has taken precious time for the public and our governmental representatives to acknowledge this crisis and begin to find remedies. It would have taken even longer if the United Church of Christ had not been in the forefront of advocacy for children who

are poor

We give thanks for the prophetic leadership of our Office for Church in Society, and for those who support it through their gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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August 19, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Church Sonata in E Flat Major" Moza Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement A. Jord

"Great Art Thou" Introit

Responsive Call to Worship O Come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; Ρ. let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

For God is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In God's hands are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains also.

The sea belongs to God, its Maker, whose hands Ρ. formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel L. before God, our Maker!

For we belong to God. We are the people of God's Ρ. pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

"Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" *Hymn #70

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome

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Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Kay Hensley

Child Care During Worship

Today: Carolyn Messick and Daniel Doyle Next Sunday: Janet Mayse and Brian Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 19 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

Tues., Aug. 21 - 7:30 p.m. Divorce Recovery Workshop

Wed., Aug. 22 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



into our company only those who will benefit us. We have wandered far from your covenant, overlooked your miracles in our midst, and refused to walk according to your law. Grant that we may keep your commandments because we see their value in helping us to grow in our love toward you, our neightors, and ourselves. Keep us from treating others as worthless or from murmuring against leaders who move us out of safe ruts into the excitement of following you in word and deed. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Awake, My Heart"

J. Marshall

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Prelude on "The King of Love" G. Young

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #415 "In Christ There Is No East Or West" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany

After each prayer the leader will add, "Christ, in your mercy," and the people may respond, "Hear our prayer."

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon "Manna From Heaven, Crumbs From the Table"
The Rev. Richard McBride

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #62 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Benediction Response "O May the Peace of God"

Sleeth

Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"

G. Young

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 1990 Matthew 15:28

A relentless longing for her daughter's wholeness drove a mother to Jesus' feet. Neither his unexplainable silence to her pleadings nor the traditional prejudice that excluded foreigners caused her to lose heart in her search to have her daughter made well. She had found the one she knew could bring the healing, and her driving desire, armored even with a convincing wit, would not give up until it would be given. She was, as Jesus said of her, a woman with, literally, a "big trust." And big trusts bring wholeness.

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A WOMAN OF GREAT FAITH

The indigenous Isneg people live high in the mountains of the northern Philippine island of Luzon. No roads or telephones connect their villages. Agricultural methods and public health provisions are primitive. It seems that no one cares about the people of this remote mountain tribe.

But Naomi Velez, a Filipina nurse and educator, does. Since 1963, she has served as administrator of the Apayao Community Learning Center, a school for Isneg youth. Over the years, her ministry has developed into a comprehensive program of community education and extension work, including public health and agriculture.

Why does Naomi Velez care about these tribal people? Because she has taken to heart the Bible's call to love one another.

To serve in mission with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, as Naomi does, requires even more than love of neighbor. It demands the courage that comes only from faith in God. Our Philippine partner church's ministries of service represent a threat to privilege and a reproach to injustice. Even Naomi Velez's work with the powerless Isneg people makes her a target of suspicion and resentment in some Philippine circles.

But that will not deter this woman of great faith. "Be faithful to God in whatever circumstances you are," she says, "because that is our strength, that is our hope."

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help Naomi Velez continue to provide loving service to others in need.

CHRIST

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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director
Heidi and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes today
Mrs. Mona Covington, Liturgist Today

August 26, 1990

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Siciliano"

J.S. Ba

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Presentation of Bibles

"Graduation"

Introit

"As the Father Loves Me"

R.C. Schul

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We give praise and thanks to our God,

P. Who delivers us from futility and from darkened understanding.

L. Who is our hope in hard times --

P. Our mighty and everlasting hope,

L. Who is our joy to please,

P. And our salvation every day.

L. Come, let us worship our God.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #13

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepent hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "O Jesus, Be Our Friend and Guide" Franck/Hopson O Jesus, be our friend and guide; Without your love we go astray. When night is dark and fears abide, still be the true, the living way. As once the young you gathered around, We, too, would hear your words of love: "Let children come, don't send them away, For such as these my kingdom comes."

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Recognition of Church School Teachers

Installation of Church School Teachers

Offering

Offertory Prelude on "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hal Hopson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #209 "Abide With Me"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany

After each prayer the people are invited to respond, "Hear us, good Lord."

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7, Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon "Is the Lord With Us, Or Not?" the Rev. Beth Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Forth in Joy!" Alice Jordan

*Postlude "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" B. Marcello

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 26, 1990

Matthew 16:16

Recognizing Christ never comes by human reasoning. That a poor boy born in a cow barn should be God's anointed one doesn't make sense in traditional wisdom. That a messiah hanged in ancient history should be known now in broken bread is repugnant to enlightened minds. The moment of identification for Peter and the opening of our own faith's eyes comes only from a self-disclosing God who allows humans to discover amidst the world's deceptions a Christ on whom we are invited and can dare to build our lives.

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UNITED MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Going away to college soon?

No doubt you've given a lot of thought to your future academic life, as well as your social life, on campus next fall. But what about your faith life?

If you're planning to attend one of the colleges related to the United Church of Christ, there will be a chaplain and organized religious programs awaiting you.

But perhaps you've chosen "old State U." What happens to your

faith life then?

It can be just as rich as at a denominationally-related school. Thanks to United Ministries in Higher Education, on most campuses there will be a campus minister awaiting you at the state-supported college or university where you enroll. UMHE is an ecumenical ministry to students on secular campuses sponsored by cooperating Protestant denominations, including the United Church of Christ.

The UMHE campus minister knows students' needs and the issues they face in their college years. But your faith life need not be limited to campus. In conjunction with your campus minister, congregations in the college community often sponsor their own ministries with students from their denominations. So, you have a church home away from home, too.

When you go away to college, don't forget your faith life. Better still, contact the campus ministry at your school even before you

aet there.

One last point: If "old State U" doesn't pay for United Ministries in Higher Education, who does? You and I do through our conference and national gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Kay Hensley

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Janet Mayse and Brian Harper

Next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Brian Rose

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 26 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. YETS Meeting for
Senior High Youth and
Parents

Wed., Aug. 29 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



TEACHER INSTALLATION SERVICE

The pastor addresses teachers, helpers, and leaders:

Thank you for saying "yes" to the call to service in our Sunday school. The story of God's salvation has been proclaimed to you, and we now call you to lead and teach our students as they grow in faith and understanding of this same story. Encourage them to respond boldly to this good news of salvation.

I now ask you on behalf of the congregation: Are you willing to dedicate yourself to the ministry of faithful teaching? Will you prepare carefully and prayerfully for each session? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

TEACHERS: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: God desires people everywhere to hear the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. Will you lead and teach your learners to grow as messengers of this news? Will you challenge yourself to grow in discipleship through your own regular worship, study, and prayer? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

TEACHERS: Yes, with the help of God.

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

We thank God for our teachers, helpers, and leaders. It is important to support our Sunday school ministry with our continuing interest and prayers. As a witness to our support, we ask everyone who will be attending Sunday school to stand along with their family members. (After they stand, the pastor addresses them.) I ask the congregation, are you willing to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ through participation in or support of our Sunday school? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

CONGREGATION: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Please join me in prayer:

Holy and almighty God, it is your will that all people come to you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Inspire our teachers to teach your Word diligently and our students to willingly learn from it, so they might carry it to others in our world. Help us support and encourage this mission of sharing the gospel. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTOR: Teach and learn with dedication and joy. Be faithful to the Word of God. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

1989-90

1990-91

Nursery
Janet Mayse
Mary Louise Boyd
Helene Ellis
Sara Dodson

Preschool Nancy Lu Irvine Sue Brown

<u>K/1</u> Marie Wilkins Wilma Williamson

2nd-4th Grade Ann Acquilano Ellie Ketcham

5th and 6th Grade Kristin Wilkins Eileen McKenna

Youth Ray and Mona Covington

<u>College</u> Beth Lyon

New Class Susan and John Hemphill

Seekers Al Carpenter Ken Harper Louis Wilkins

Adult Bible Class
John Irvine
Marsh McLelland
Earl Danieley
Richard McBride
Wally Snyder

Preschool Brian Harper Katie Brown

K/2 Maxine Rich

3rd-5th Grade Ellie Ketcham

Middle High Eileen McKenna Ray Covington

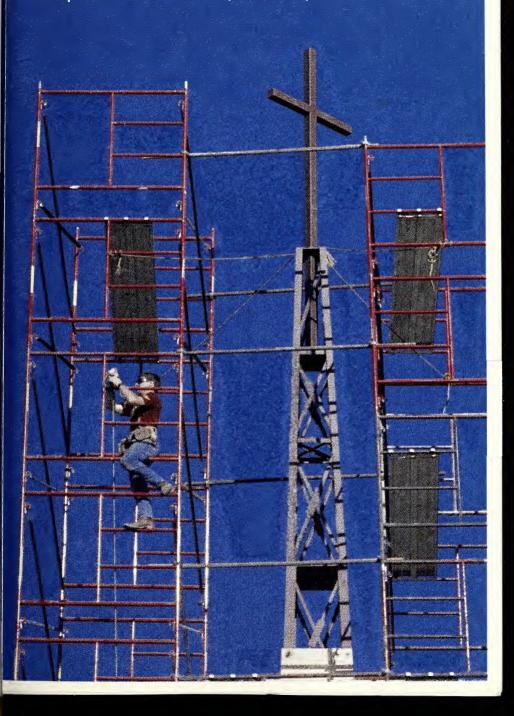
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HAVING GIFTS THAT DIFFER. LET US USE THEM



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Mrs. Lois Luke Liturgist Today

September 2, 1990

11:00 a.ı

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "If Thou Art Near"

J.S. Ba

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement
Introit "Sing Praise to God" J.J. Schu

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.

P. So it is with Christ.

L. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -and given one Spirit to drink.

P. Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Child Care During Worship:

Today: Kim or Steve Perry and Brian Rose Next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 2 - 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Mon., Sept. 3 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues., Sept. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 5 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sat., Sept. 8 - 10 - 3 YETS Car Wash

- L. In this century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer has said: "It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with fellow Christians." "We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."
- P. We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.
- L. Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

 "And you must love your neighbor as yourself."
- P. We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me" B.B. McKinney
A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

*Offertory "Eternal Life"

Olive Dungan

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #412 "O Master Workman" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany (see insert)

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:1-9

Matthew 16:21-28 Romans 12:1-13

Sermon

the Rev. Beth Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #60 "Savior Again, To Thy Dear Name"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God Be With You" R. Vaughn-Williams

*Postlude "Tuba Tune in D Major" C.S. Lang

*The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 1990 Romans 12:6

Brother Lawrence, in the classic, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, speaks of his work in a monastery kitchen as simply another form of prayer. His gift was cooking, but cooking done to the glory of God. The apostle Paul speaks of being "transformed." May all our work, skills, and activities be transformed into living acts of prayer, daily done in the presence of God.

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

LABOR SUNDAY

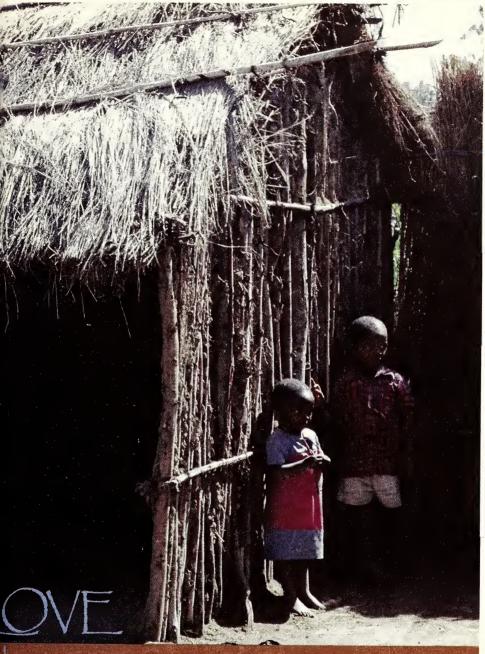
Religious bodies have long supported working peoples' right to organize and bargain collectively with management for fairer wages and better working conditions. Nearly a century ago, Pope Leo XIII called upon Roman Catholics to recognize and support labor organizing and collective bargaining. At the same time, the Protestant Social Gospel movement demonstrated its solidarity with labor organizations.

Still, today many people believe that the church should stay strictly out of labor-management disputes. In most cases, to be sure, involvement by religious bodies is inappropriate. But when companies seek to destroy independent unions, and government offers no protection to workers from economic hardship and reprisals, the church's historic commitment to justice for working

people compels Christians to take a stand.

Our religious heritage teaches continual opposition to oppressive power. From the captive Israelites in Egypt through the Old Testament prophets to the ministry of Jesus, the Biblical tradition consistently supports those abused by injustice. Protestant reformers contributed to the moral basis of democratic theory by acknowledging the divine right of the people to seek freedom from persecution.

Over the past decades in the United States, religious and labor coalitions have engaged in citizen education, training, and organizing around issues and conflicts affecting working people. On this Labor Sunday, and throughout the year, we support our churches' efforts in behalf of labor's right to dignity and justice in the workplace.



DOES NO WRONG TO A NEIGHBOR

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-039
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Julia Morris, Liturgist Today

Chris Harris and Matthew Mayse, Acolytes today

September 9, 1990

11:00 a.r

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bar Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Introit "Spirit of the Living God"

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Responsive Call to Worship

L. Happiness is not enough; we were made for joy.

P. Being healthy is not enough; we were created to be whole.

L. Just being alive is somehow to fall short; something in us seeks a radiance.

P. We come to worship in hope that God will lead us deeper, higher, further--to our truest selves.

L. In that adventure we will meet the Holy One coming toward us. Let us worship, then, in spirit and in truth, expectantly.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence and in the presence of each other, the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, the obstinate rejection of our true humanity. Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days not celebrated. Forgive us, Lord, who are sorry for the ways of our disobedience.

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Child Care During Worship:

Today: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody

Next Sunday: Cecelia Welborn and Jamie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Sun., | Sept. | 9 | 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Church School Worship Service Lunch in Parish House Evangelism Committee Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir Board of Deacons |
|---------|-------|----|---|--|
| Mon., | Sept. | 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Fellowship
General Meeting |
| Tues., | Sept. | 11 | 7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts
Committee for a Second
Century |
| Wed., | Sept. | 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Thurs., | Sept. | 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Board of Trustees |



Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "God, Who Touchest Earth With Beauty"
Words by Mary S. Edgar; music by C. Harold Lowden
Quartet: Dorcas Lohr, soprano; Mona Covington, alto;
Tom Conally, tenor; Ray Covington, bass

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on <u>Evan</u>"

G. Young

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

The Rev. Richard McBride Chaplain, Elon College

Choram Amen

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:22-32

Sermon

"Renewal Time"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hvmn #353

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"Go Forth in Joy"

A. Jordan

*Postlude

"Prelude in C minor"

J. S. Bach

^{*}The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 1990 **Romans 13:10**

Two or three people gather together: on a street corner, around a dinner table, on an assembly line, in a church. Two or three people, and Christ is present in that little community even if they are unaware of that presence. If Christ is present whenever we gather, with strangers or friends, neighbors all, should we not find each occasion of gathering an opportunity to love?

> Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

SCHOOL / CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

It took a New England Congregationalist named Horace Mann to liberate the American public school system from sectarian religious ties. Until he reformed education in 19th century Massachusetts, the church controlled the common school.

Because of that history, some Protestants today see no possible relationship between church and school. In fact, however, churches can legitimately offer resources and ministry to public education in a variety of ways. One of them is called School/Church Partnerships.

* Churches can support parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards by advocating in behalf of public education.

* Churches can provide forums for public dialogue about the needs, values, and issues involved in community public schools.

* Churches can help recruit candidates for election to the school board, volunteer helpers, and even teachers for the public schools.

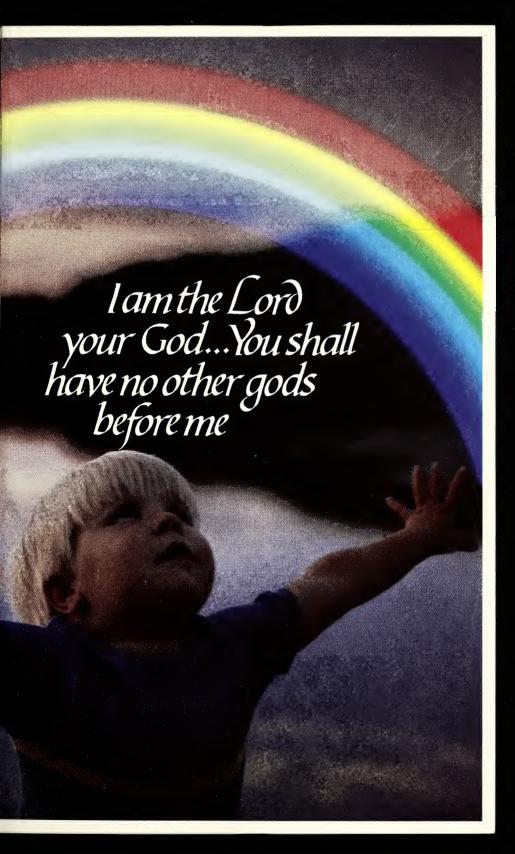
* Churches can advocate for more adequate community financial support to maintain free and quality public education for all voung people.

* Churches can emphasize quality Christian education on

Sundays to supplement the public school curriculum.

So as not to be interpreted as "interference," church involvement should be collaborative with all community groups, free from any hint of proselytizing, and respectful of the integrity and financial accountability of the school board for school governance.

School/Church Partnerships are an important part of Our Church's Wider Mission, which we support with our gifts to our local congregations. For more information, contact the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

September 16, 1990

11:00 A.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude on "Hanover" Gordon You

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

"Jesus, Be Present Now" Introit

D. Per

Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 19:7-14 (These verses, printed responsively, are found in the hymnal at psalter reading 68, page 517, beginning halfway down the right-hand column, and ending on the

following page.)

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Hvmn #16

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Good and patient God, we are back again with the same problem. We are cut off from full communion with you and with one another because of our evil thoughts and deeds. We have spoken harshly and judged unfairly those sisters and brothers who need our love. We have inflicted hurt and made unfair demands. Forgive, we pray, the transgressions of your servants, and move us to appreciate your generosity. In thanksgiving for your mercy we offer full pardon and acceptance to those who have wronged us. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

LITANY FOR SHELTER

LEADER: We pray this day, O Lord, for all people who do not have adequate shelter in which to live and raise their families, and for those who have no shelter at all

no shelter at all.

- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: We pray for families whose living space is so small that their children will never know the meaning of privacy.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: We pray for all of those who are sick because their houses are infested with parasites, and the water comes through the roof every time it rains.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: We pray for all people whose living conditions are more like a burden than a pleasure, causing them to lose their dignity and their hope.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: We pray for all those people who use much of their energy and resources patching their dwelling, only to patch it again, only to find that the patches have really solved nothing.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: We pray that those of us in this congregation who live in safe, secure, and comfortable shelter will see our homes with humble acceptance as treasures entrusted to us for use in your Kingdom's work.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: Move us, stir us, O Lord, to action on behalf of all people in our world who desperately need decent housing and cannot make it on their own.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: Make us sensitive to the world around us. Give us hearing that really hears, sight that really sees, insight that really knows, and hearts that are restless until all of God's people can live in adequate shelter.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: Help us to see those who are poorly housed, not as objects of our pity, but as sisters and brothers who stand at the foot of the cross and at the doorstep of the Church with real and pressing needs.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: Teach us to be generous, O Lord generous with our time and talents, generous with our money, generous with our creativity, generous with our lives.
- PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O Lord!
- LEADER: Grant, O Lord, that we may learn to serve you by working with those who are in need of decent shelter. May the work we do be an expression of our faith and a witness to the love you have for all people.
 - ALL: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give us the courage to act!

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Nursery today: Phyllis Young

Nursery next Sunday: Mary Louise Boyd

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Cecelia Welborn and Jamie Brown

Next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 16
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon YETS
12:15 p.m. Acolyte Training & Lunch
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Tues., Sept. 10:30 a.m. Fun Club Hospice Program 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 19 5:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. Sept. 20 7:30 p.m. Afterschool Committee

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" John Stainer (the text is at hymn 228)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering 0

Offertory Partita on "The Lord's My Shepherd" G. Young

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #101 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany for Shelter, Prayer, and Choral Amen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon "An Acute Case of Forgiveness"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse

*Postlude Allegro (Sixth Sonata) Felix Mendelssohn

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 1990

Exodus 20: 2,3

Surveys often show that while most Americans claim to believe in God, many of them do not know, or have forgotten, the basic stories from the scriptures of God's activity and identity. We are not the first generation to forget. So God has given signs: the rainbow, the tablets of the Law, the Christ, to remind us why no other should have the claim on our hearts that God does.

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SUDAN

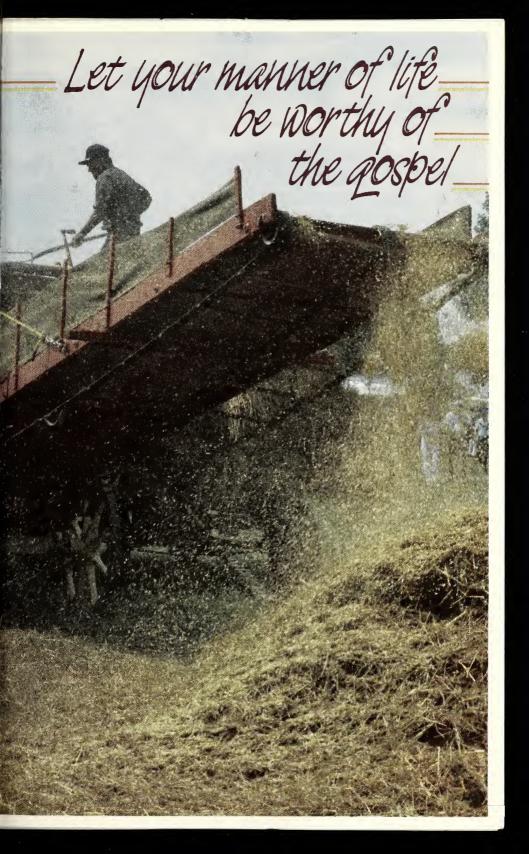
Do you know where the Sudan is? It's in the Horn of Africa. If "horn" makes you think of "plenty," however, you're nowhere near the Sudan. Because this land has a shortage of food and water.

But no lack of conflict. Two million Sudanese people, most of them from the southern half of the country, have been uprooted by a continuing civil war. In the city of Juba, a quarter million displaced Sudanese people live in temporary shelters, tents, and even in the streets. For food and medicine, they are wholly dependent upon international relief to survive.

Among the non-governmental agencies working in the Sudan, our partner Church World Service has great credibility because of its efficiency in providing needed supplies. During the past two years, eighty percent of the food that reached Juba was delivered by Church World Service to the Sudan Council of Churches.

The Sudan's problems are compounded by the effects of a war of secession in neighboring Ethiopia. Refugees from that conflict have poured into the eastern Sudan. Church World Service supports the Sudan Council of Churches' efforts to maintain refugee camps and to provide health care, agricultural assistance, vocational training, and counseling for the displaced Ethiopians.

Even if, as we devoutly pray, peace should come to the Sudan and its neighbor even before the date of this message, Church World Service's work in the Horn of Africa would be far from done. It takes time for people who return to the fields to cultivate enough food to have a harvest. And it takes even longer to fully implement the agricultural development programs that are essential to the future. We support Church World Service with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Crystal Bradley and Tara McKenna, Acolytes today Dr. John Hemphill, Liturgist today

September 23, 1990

11:00 A.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Adagio (First Sonata) Felix Mendelsso Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introit "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" arr. Wilk

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God has made this world a wondrous place.

P. Let us live in God's world with joy!

L. God has made us in hopes we will be God's companions.

P. Let us praise God with all our hearts, and walk in God's ways.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, whom we have so often failed to honor in our bodies, we come to confess our corporate and individual guilt. We have been jealous and competitive workers in your vineyard, far more concerned with personal reward than with accomplishing the tasks you set before us. We forget your generosity to us and resent what others receive. Rather than standing side by side for the faith of the gospel, we pursue our separate goals and turn away from true partnership. We even create our own little gods. Forgive us, 0 God; turn us from our grumblin and restore us to fruitful labor and joy in the faith.

Amen.

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Nursery today: Mary Louise Boyd

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle

Next Sunday: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 23

9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Middle High Hiking Trip
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
Handbell Choir

Mon., Sept. 24

8:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
Movie Night

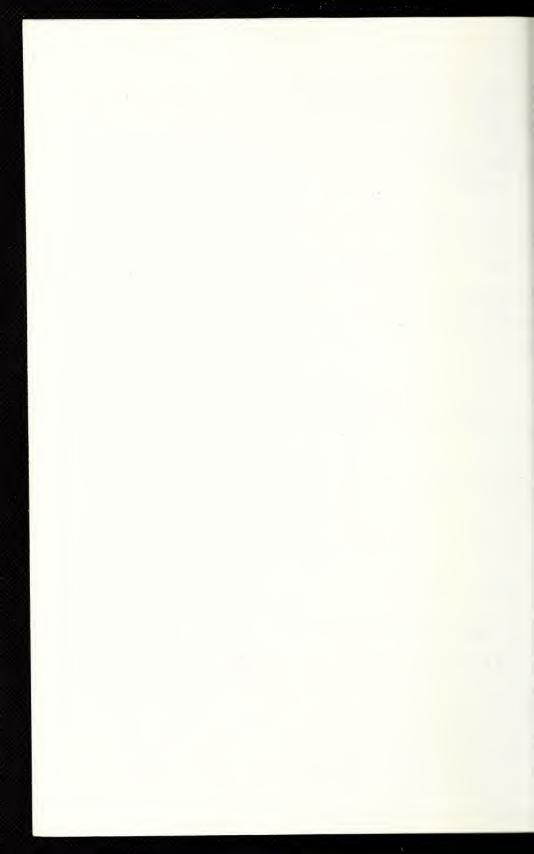
Tues., Sept. 25

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 26

4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays

7:30 p.m.



Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "O Lord Most Holy" Cesar Franck

Tom Conally, Tenor soloist

"O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee we would be praising alway. Help us to know Thee and love Thee. Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts. In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee; and in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power. Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor; so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee."

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Immortal Love, Forever Full" Max Smith

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hvmn #391 "Be Thou My Vision"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Amen

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"An Offensive God"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #411

"Lord God of Hosts"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction" Longfellow

*Postlude Toccato on "Leoni" Gordon Young

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 1990

Philippians 1:27

How can we ever be worthy of the gospel of Christ? The good news we receive as Christians is that Christ loves us even in those times when we are not worthy. Paul calls the Philippians to be worthy by being of one spirit and one mind, "striving side by side." This is not an individual measure of worthiness at all, but a communal one! How in our communities of faith are we heeding Paul's call to unity of spirit and mind, striving side by side?

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EXTENDING THE WELCOME

Many United Church of Christ congregations are making a special effort to invite persons with disabilities, their families and friends to worship with them. Most of us in church want to extend that welcome personally, but often we do not know what to do. Or we fear doing the wrong thing.

Here are some suggestions for church ushers and other greeters from the UCC National Committee on Persons with Disabilities:

* Always speak directly to the person with a disability — don't ignore him and talk to a companion.

* Don't hesitate to ask the person with a disability if you can help, and follow her instructions carefully.

* Whenever possible, seat persons with disabilities with their families or friends.

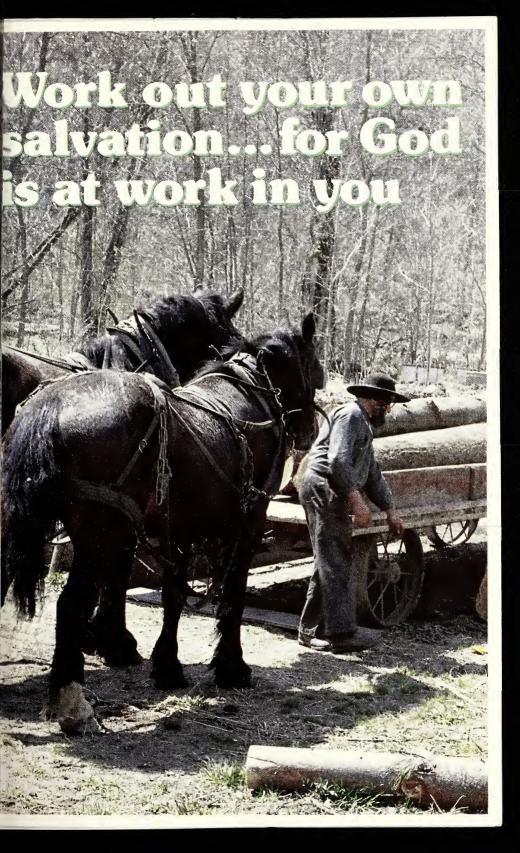
* Don't ignore persons with disabilities. Acknowledge their presence just as you would that of anyone else.

* Don't hesitate to use words like see, hear, walk, etc. with persons with disabilities. Talk to them as you would to anyone else.

* Use positive language when referring to persons with disabilities. Stress the *person*, not the disability, that is, a person who is blind, not a blind person. Avoid negative terms like crippled, or categories, such as *the* deaf.

* Ask a person with a disability to usher, or to serve as a greeter.

* For more information, contact the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri-Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Elizabeth Mayse and Marie Acquilano, Acolytes Today Leta Hamilton, Liturgist Today

September 30, 1990

11:00 A

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Grave and Adagio" from Second Sonata Felix Mendelss

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen
Introit "Praise Ye the Lord" Phillip Yo

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The Eternal One summons us from work to worship, from every monotony to high adventure.

P. We are called to look beyond life's routines to their meaning and possibilities.

L. God is at work in us and with us to accomplish Eternal purposes of good.

P. Then let us worship God with joy and praise, linking ourselves to God through Christ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, just when we think we have buried our wickedness from everyone's view, you expose it and call us to deal with it openly and courageously. We have not treated others with the sympathy and kindness you expect. Instead, we have used them for our own ends. We have been selfish, conceited, and arrogant, putting our own interests first. We play god as we grasp and manipulate

things and people. O God, turn us inside out, and replace the demons inside us with your own loving spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITHESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "At the Name of Jesus" text by Caroline M. Noel music by Van Denman Thompson

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess him King of Glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Name him, brothers, name him, strong your love as death, But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; He is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshiped, evermore adored!

Brothers, this Lord Jesus dwells with us again, In his Father's wisdom o'er the earth to reign; For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering 0

Offertory Prelude on "Terra Patris" Johann Yang

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Amen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

"Admirers? Or Followers?" Sermon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #322

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"Benediction"

Gene Grie

*Postlude "Allegro" from Second Sonata

Felix Mendelssol

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery: Oct. 4 - Phyllis Young

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper Next Sunday: Jane McLelland and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Sun., | Sept. | 30 | 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
2:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Discover Fellowship |
|--------|-------|----|--|---|
| Mon., | Oct. | 1 | 10:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | |
| Tues., | Oct. | 2 | 7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | |
| Wed., | Oct. | 3 | 4:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Wonderful Wednesdays
Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Sat., | Oct. | 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Parish House Renovation
Committee |

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 1990

Philippians 2:12-13

Another piece of bright cloth,
Added with care to the quilt.
"What will it look like?" I say.
"I haven't seen the end," she says,
"My job is to cut the pieces and stitch straight.
God will know when it is finished."
I watch her hands, swift, careful, and graceful,
Working out God's vision as far as she can see it,
Full of color and mystery.

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A STANDARD FOR OUR TIME

Today is the official publication date of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Most of us are familiar with its predecessor. For nearly a half century, the "RSV" has been our standard biblical text. So, why

replace it now?

A new standard Bible text is needed for two simple but significant reasons. First, during the past five decades our knowledge of the ancient Biblical languages has increased significantly. There have been dramatic archaeological discoveries that have added to our storehouse of Biblical knowledge. In addition, continuing strides have been made in our understanding of ancient languages. In short, Biblical scholars simply know much more about the ancient texts today.

Second, the English language has undergone subtle but substantive changes during the same period. Many new words have appeared, and the meaning of many others has shifted radically.

The NRSV's renowned translation team of men and women from a wide range of Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish traditions, has labored under the maxim, "as *literal* as possible, as *free* as necessary." That means, wherever possible, the NRSV is a line-for-line, word-for-word translation of the actual wording of early Bible manuscripts. Whenever necessary, however, the NRSV is a free translation to guarantee that the meaning in English is the same as it was in the ancient languages.

For today and tomorrow, the NRSV provides us with the most accurate and understandable record of God's Word for humankind. It is truly a standard for our time.



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October 7, 1990 WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 A.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude on "Amazing Grace" Gordon You Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

"Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Ivers Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of Go and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Invocation

PRAISE OF GOD

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *Hymn #195

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage t sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against yo in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselve For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your wil and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Arr. by Ronald M. Huntington

Kelly Hughes, soprano soloist

(The text is hymn 177)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering .

Offertory "In Remembrance" Buryl Red
Mona Covington, alto; Ray Covington, baritone;
Linda Raker, flautist

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #295 "Christ For the World We Sing"
(Children second grade and younger lave the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany: led in Spanish by Anna Gomez and English by Beth Lyon

(This is one of the oldest extant Christian prayers. It comes from Clement of Rome in the late first century. The congregation responds after the English reading with the italicized Amen.)

We beg you, Lord, to help and defend us.

Deliver the oppressed. Amen.
Pity the insignificant. Amen.
Raise the fallen. Amen.
Show yourself to the needy. Amen.
Heal the sick. Amen.
Bring back those of your people who have gone astray. Amen.
Feed the hungry. Amen.
Lift up the weak. Amen.
Take off the prisoners' chains. Amen.

May every nation come to know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your Child, that we are your people, the sheep that you pasture.

Amen.

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

Meditation: "Crushed in the Vineyard"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy I(a)

*Hymn #272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleet

*Postlude "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him"

J. S. Back

*The congregation may stand at these points.

UCC SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT I(a)

INVITATION

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THIS IS THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. MEN AND WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN, COME FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST, FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, AND GATHER ABOUT CHRIST'S TABLE.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news.

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Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.... (a sentence or two appropriate to the particular season of the church year may be added here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we prais you with joy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD OF LOVE AND MAJESTY, THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPEAKS OF YOUR GLORY, O GOD MOST HIGH. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after givin thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

CHRIST'S DEATH, O GOD, WE PROCLAIM. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WE DECLARE. CHRIST'S COMING WE AWAIT. GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gift and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

BE PRESENT WITH US AS WE SHARE THIS MEAL, AND THROUGHOUT ALL OUR LIVES, THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AS THE HOLY ONE, WHO WITH CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, LIVES FOR EVER. AMEN.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: HAVE MERCY ON US.
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: HAVE MERCY ON US.
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: GRANT US PEACE.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF OUR SAVIOR'S PRESENCE IN THE SIMPLICITY AND SPLENDOR OF THIS HOLY MEAL. UNITE US WITH ALL WHO ARE FED BY CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR LOVE, AND THAT YOUR UNIVERSAL CHURCH MAY BE A RAINBOW OF HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.

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The CROP Walk is not complete until all money is deposited in the bank. Let's get our money in by October 28th or at least by November 4th.

The longer it takes to collect and turn in the less Alamance County receives.

The money earmarked for Alamance County will go to the following six organizations to feed the hungry:

Meals on Wheels
Community Service Food Box
Mt. Zion Food Pantry
Good Shepherd Community Center
Family Abuse Services
Salvation Army

Thanks to all of you who are walking and all who are sponsoring the walkers. Without you a lot of people would be a lot hungrier.

Fran Hook



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. G. Dudley Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon by Lorene and Jim Lyon.

Nursery today: Phyllis Young Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Jane McLelland and Ryan Harris Next Sunday: Sue Brown and Christy Rich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Sun., | Oct. | 7 | 11:00 a.i
2:00 p.i
6:00 p.i
7:00 p.i | m. Church School m. Worship Service m. CROP Walk m. Discover Fellowship m. Handbell Choir m. Board of Christian Education |
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| Tues., | Oct. | 9 | | m. Cub Scouts
m. Committee for the Second
Century |
| | | | 7:30 p.i | m. Budget Committee |
| Wed., | Oct. | 10 | | m. Wonderful Wednesdays
m. Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Thurs., | Oct. | 11 | 7:00 p.i | n. Board of Trustees |

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 7, 1990

Psalm 81:16

Many of us will gather for Holy Communion this Sunday and receive a small, square-cut piece of bread—hardly enough for a taste! God is not so frugal, cries the Psalmist, for God's love is extravagant, abounding with grace to feed our hungry hearts. On this World Communion Sunday, may we consider sharing the finest bread with our brothers and sisters around the world, sharing with each other the abundant grace of God in our lives.

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

When I was in Sunday School, all of us memorized the biblical verse, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Times have changed since then. Now we call it "Church School," and we prefer the Revised Standard Version to all those "thees" and "thous" in the King James Bible. Further, most children don't learn verses of scripture by heart as they used to. But the lesson from Leviticus we memorized back then is still timely: there is no place for selfishness in God's creation.

When I was growing up, we brought our offerings to church with the expectation that the gifts would be given directly to people in need. Times and circumstances have changed since then. Now, as often as not, our gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering support programs that advocate change in the institutions

and situations that keep persons in need.

It's seldom easy to adapt to change—whether in the version of the Bible we use or in the way we seek to translate scripture into action. Many of us would still like all of our gifts to go directly to individuals in need. Often however, the best and most effective way to help them is to change the circumstances that created their need. Thus, a percentage of our offering is dedicated to "priming the pump"—seeking through model programs and advocacy to stimulate an outpouring of public and private resources into programs for homeless families, poor children, American Indians, and others of our Neighbors in Need.

As we prepare to offer our gifts to the 1990 Neighbors in Need offering, let us remember that there are many ways to help, and

that direct assistance is only one of them.

George Wesley Otto Executive Director Stewardship Council



hese women... have labored side by side with me in the gospel

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-0.

Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Chris Harris and Scott Williamson, Acolytes Today Tommy Moorman, Liturgist Today

October 14, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Chorale" and "Andante" from the Sixth
Organ Sonata Felix Mendelss

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen

Introit "Now God Be Praised"

Melchior Vulp

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. We shall praise you, O God, with all our hearts!
- P. Gladly will we sing and pray to you!
- L. We shall bow down in your holy sanctuary.
- P. For your love and faithfulness we will praise your name! Amen.

Invocation

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #8

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I admit, O Lord, that I have not been zealous enough in my discipleship. I have not struggled to understand the great ideas of the faith, nor have I really attempted to give you the mastery of my life. I have lived selfishly in a world of misery and hunger, and have not sought to the Christ to my neighbor. Forgive me and help me to begin the moment to be a new person in Christ. Let the love that it waiting for me in your arms redirect me in all my ways. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

THE EXCHANGE CLUB will be having its Brunswick Stew sale next Friday, Oct. 19th beginning at 1:00 p.m. Advance orders and home delivery is available by contacting Exchange Club members. Price will be \$3.50 a quart. The major portion of the proceeds will go to Hospice of Alamance County.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hunter and Richard Allen Hunter by Dorothy Hunter Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Ann Acquilano Next Sunday: Betty Blanchard

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Sue Brown and Christy Rich

Next Sunday: Brian Rose and Beth Tickle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| Sun., | Oct. | 14 | 8:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Men's Fellowship Breakfast Church School Worship Service Inquirer's Class Evangelism Committee Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir Board of Deacons | | |
| Tues., | Oct. | 16 | 9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. | Fun Club
Cub Scouts | | |
| Wed., | Oct. | 17 | 4:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Wonderful Wednesdays
Adult Choir Rehearsal | | |
| Thurs., | Oct. | 18 | | Church Women United
Bible Study
Blessed Sacrament Catholic
Church | | |
| | | | 7:30 p.m. | Afterschool Committee | | |
| Sat., | Oct. | 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Eastern N.C. Association Trenton, N.C. | | |



FUN CLUB ART TOUR--OCT.16

Henri-Matise LITHOGRAPHS AND BRONZES

THE FUNCLUB WILL TAKE A TRIP TO GREENSBORD IN THE STAY, OCT 16,
TO VISIT THE NEW WEATHERSPOON ART GALLERY ON THE CAMPUS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT THE CORNER OF EATE AND SPRING.

GARDEN STREETS. FEATURED ARE HENRI MATISSE KUTHOGRAPHS AND
BRONZES FROM THE CONE COLLECTION PLUS A COLLECTION OF ART WORKS

CATAGORIZED AS "ARTISTS IN THE ABSTRACT". WE WILL BE CONDUCTED

ON A GUIDEO TRUE (NON-STRENDOUS, SINCE THE GALLERY IS NOT LARGE).

WE WILL ASSEMBLE IN THE PARISH PARKING LOT AT 9 00 A.M. WHERE

WE'LL VAN OR CAR-POOL TO THE GALLERY TO START OUR TOUR AT 10 A.M.

WE WILL EAT OUT BEFORE WE RETURN. GUESTS ARE WELCOME SO PLAN TO
BRING A FRIEND. NOTE: ONE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A "SENIOR" TO SHARE

IN THE FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIABILITY OF THE FUNCLUB—OUR ACTIVITIES

ARE INTENDED TO BE A PLEASURE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHY ATTEND.

YOUNG IN SPIRIT, MOT AGE 15 THE ONLY PREFREQUISITED.

WEATHERSPOON ART GALLERY



*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon John Rutter

Anthem

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(The text is hymn number 66)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Hal Hopson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon "You Are What You Think"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #396 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

*Postlude "Allegro" from the Sixth Organ Sonata

Mendelssohn

*The congregation may stand at these points.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 14, 1990

Philippians 4:3

Euodia and Syntyche had argued. These two strong women, effective leaders in one of the churches of which Paul was proudest, found themselves at odds. What was the issue? Paul doesn't tell us. Maybe in his silence he is telling us it doesn't matter. Anything that keeps the body from working as a whole for God's realm ultimately proves selfish and unimportant. Euodia and Syntyche: you are sisters in Christ! Sisters: there is work to do, so let us be up and doing, together!

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

This weekend we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Synod of North America, one of the predecessor communions of the United Church of Christ.

On October 15, 1840, six pastors met at Gravois Settlement near St. Louis to organize their German and Swiss immigrant congregations into fellowship. The name they adopted, the German Evangelical Church Society of the West, eventually became the Evangelical Synod of North America.

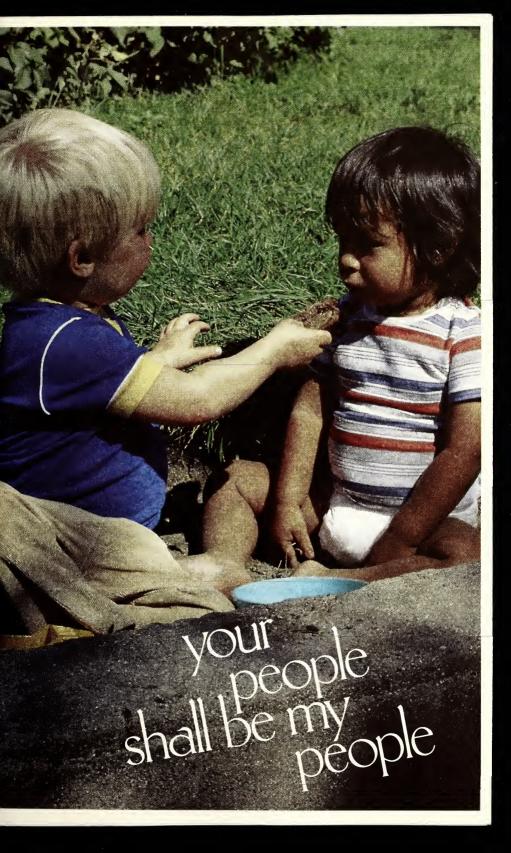
The struggle to survive on the Mississippi Valley frontier tested the faith and fortitude of the pioneer pastors. They often trudged miles on foot in their ministries, and frequently received their compensation in produce rather than cash. Still, their ranks multiplied, and soon Eden Theological Seminary was founded.

Maintaining their freedom of religious conscience in those days also proved a daunting challenge for the German-speaking newcomers. Many of their hardbitten neighbors manifested downright hostility toward organized religion. Even more of the settlers insisted upon rigid religious orthodoxy.

Still, the church persevered not only in its faith but also in service to others. Soon they established orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged, and other benevolent institutions that continue their ministries today.

Perhaps most important, this amalgam of Lutheran and Reformed groups was united with a spirit of toleration and conciliation. When they disagreed, church policy provided that "We adhere strictly to the passages of Holy Scripture bearing on the subject, and avail ourselves of the liberty of conscience prevailing in the Evangelical Church."

Ecumenical from the start, the Evangelical Synod of North America provided indispensable leadership for the merger that created our United Church of Chirst in 1957.



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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Sarah Hemphill and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Today

October 21, 1990

11:00 /

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" J. S. Bar Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement: Introit "God Himself Is With Us" Joachim Neand

Responsive Call to Worship

. Today is a day for remembering, for gathering our resources before moving forward.

P. It is a day for remembering the Creator of all that exists throughout the universe.

L. It is a day for remembering those who have gone before us in the faith.

P. It is a day for remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and the Spirit that came upon his disciples at Pentecost!

L. Let us worship the God who is present and active in time and throughout all time, who calls forth and who enlivens the Church.

P. From generation to generation may God's name be praised!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, I have sinned against you and your goodness in my speaking, thinking, and doing. My powers of speech have been used to put others down, to wound, to exalt

myself at other's expense. I have not spoken words for righteousness' sake that could have filled moral vacuums, and by my inaction I have failed to place my building blocks in the edifice of your kingdom. I have thought long and hard about matters that would benefit mostly myself, and have blocked your Spirit's gentle proddings to enlarge my circle of awareness and concern. I have taken my occasional good deeds and blown them up into a self-image of a very good character, when you would say I have only done my duty (and not much of that). O God, there is an enormous distance between my feeble efforts and the life Christ showed me how to live. Forgive me, and pull me closer to his way. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

Anthem "Upon The Rock of Faith" Robert Reed "Upon the rock of faith the Church has firmly stood, Through storm and flood, 'mid fire and death,

a bulwark for the good;

The beaconlight of hope that men may clearly see, As in the maze of life they grope,

what they are meant to be;

The instrument of love, redeeming humankind,

God's new creation from above

transforming heart and mind.

We are thy Church today; Lord, now we heed thy call; Grant faith and hope and love, we pray,

and all our lives enthrall. Amen."

Reception of New Members

see insert

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee"
Neumark/Thompson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading John 17:1-21

Sermon "Tales of Faith and Unity: The Evangelical and Reformed Heritage" The Rev. Dr. Rollin Russell

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #260 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse

*Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Cruger/Thompson

*The congregation may stand at these points.

We welcome as our guest preacher today Dr. Rollin Russell, who is the Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

New Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

Unison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



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Nursery today: Betty Blanchard Next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Child Care During Worship

Today: Brian Rose and Beth Tickle Next Sunday: Lou Harper and Rob Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Sun., | Oct. | 21 | - | 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Worship Service
Lunch in Parish House
Board of Missions
Discover Fellowship
Handbell Choir |
|---------|------|----|---|---|--|
| Mon., | Oct. | 22 | - | 10:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m. | Prayer Group
Centennial Committee |
| Tues., | Oct. | 23 | _ | 7:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts |
| Wed., | Oct. | 24 | _ | 4:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Wonderful Wednesdays
Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Thurs., | Oct. | 25 | - | 7:00 p.m. | District Men's Fellowship
Quarterly Meeting |

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 21, 1990

Ruth 1:16

The visiting pastor from our partner church in Latin America shared the pain of her people, the needs they have in the midst of war and oppression. She also shared her church's vision of what it means to live the gospel, and urged the U.S. churches to take a look at their ethical and moral lives. The U.S. audience was receptive to her first statements, but wondered who she was to tell them how to live the gospel. She is our partner: we are one people. Let us celebrate our care for each other as one.

> Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham. NY

PACT

For two years, the children at St. Mary's Cathedral School in Miami, Florida, came and went in fear. Directly across the street stood two "crack houses," abandoned dwellings where drug addicts gathered to smoke crack cocaine.

Finally, last December, city bulldozers leveled the two drug dens, as school children and teachers cheered. "These houses should have been torn down a long time ago," said a twelve-year-old. They would still be standing if it had not been for PACT, which

stands for People Acting for Community Together.

This grassroots multi-lingual, multi-cultural organization was founded in 1988 to improve the quality of life for all residents of Dade County. Starting as a coalition of four neighborhood churches, PACT has now grown to include sixteen congregations and civic groups. PACT's first priority was calling for action by

local officials on the problem of abandoned buildings.

Canvassing the neighborhoods it represents, the organization identified more than 200 abandoned houses, actual or potential crack houses. When their appeals for city action fell on deaf ears, 600 members turned out for a meeting with the mayor to demand that the city implement PACT's five-point plan to improve code enforcement and to demolish crack houses. Two weeks later, the Miami City Manager announced an aggressive plan of building code enforcement in the city.

Destruction of the two crack houses across from the Catholic school represented the first tangible results of PACT's efforts. But it was only a beginning. The razing of fifty more abandoned structures followed. And many more projects are being planned.

We support PACT, and community organizations like it, with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Chris Harris and Matthew Mayse, Acolytes today

October 28, 1990

11:00 A

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Aria from "Semele" George Friedrich Hande Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements "As the Father Loves Me" Ralph C. Schult

Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Worship the Lord with jubilant hearts--

Not to please one another, but to praise God! Р.

L. Worship the Lord with jubilant minds--

P. Not to gratify our neighbor, but to glorify God! Worship the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength! Come, let us worship the Lord!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *Hymn #80

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose love is everlasting: forgive us for those times when we have overlooked the strangers in our midst, neglected their needs, or denied a place for them in Your kingdom. Help us to readjust our narrow views of others, to change our patterns of injustice and oppression and to grasp the beauth and wonder of Your love, so that all of us may be freed from our fears and doubts, and find new ways to respond to Your grace; through Jesus Christ

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

our Lord. Amen.

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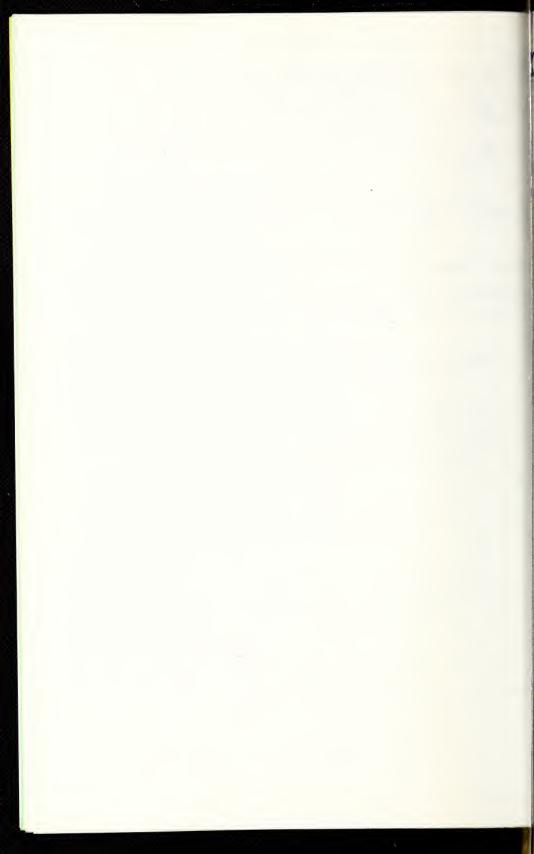
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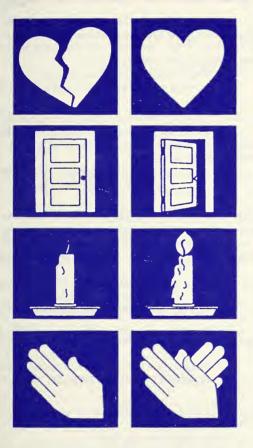
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6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | Church School Worship Service Staff Meeting Church Council Discover Fellowship Haunted House Handbell Choir |
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| Tues., | Oct. | 30 | - | 7:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts |
| Wed., | Oct. | 31 | - | 4:30 p.m.
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"You guide me with your counsel..." Psalm 73:24a

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*Passing of the Peace
As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another,
let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters
in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem Festival Piece on "St. Anne"

Eugene Butler

(This text is that of hymn #1)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Source of Calm Repose" F. Melius Christiansen

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

'Hymn #306 "For All the Saints"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon "The Heart of the Matter"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #405 "Master, No Offering"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Benediction" Gene Grier

*Postlude "Toccata - Finale"

Vito Carnevali

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 28, 1990

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Sunday School teachers are often told that their attitude of love and care toward their students is as important as the lesson to be taught any day. Students may forget the lesson's details, but they will remember God's love embodied in the teacher. We are all evangelists in this same way: God's love when enfleshed in us proclaims the gospel more loudly than our words. The greatest commandment, Jesus said, is to love.

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

REFORMATION

Reformation Sunday 1990 arrives amid continuing discussion of the decline of "mainline" Protestant denominations. To stanch the hemorrhage of members and support, some commentators have proposed radical changes, based upon the thriving Pentecostal and Evangelical models. But history does not support their argument.

Many of today's embattled "mainline" denominations are the great historic churches whose heritage reaches back to Luther and Calvin, Zwingli and Knox. United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reformed Church: these are the Reformation churches. Rather than abandon the heritage of the Reformation, many leaders of the "mainline" denominations are determined to renew it. They believe that our hope for the future lies in recovering the traditional hallmarks of our faith.

What unique marks of Reformation Protestantism apply to our own time?

* A prophetic voice marked by church self-criticism and a critique of society.

* A biblically-based, intellectually sound theology.

* A commitment to church unity.

* Lay participation in all aspects of church life.

* Social outreach to people in need.

* Christian education for all, including children and young people.

* Sacraments and liturgy securely grounded in tradition.

On this Reformation Sunday, let us renew our commitment to the heritage out of which we were born.

BUT DO NOT PRACTICE

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Andrew McLelland and Matthew Woody, Acolytes Today
Dr. Jeff Wilkins, Liturgist Today

November 4, 1990

11:00 AN

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Andante Religioso" from Organ Sonata IV Felix Mendelssoh

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Great Art Thou" Alice Jordan

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are children of one God!

P. One God has created us!

L. Therefore we will be faithful to one another,

P. And we will honor the covenant of our ancestors.

All: Come, sisters! Come, brothers! Great is our God, and greatly to be praised!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of our days, we confess problems with personal honesty: it is the other person with problems of anger and greed. Others are proud and deceitful, not we. Our faults are never as bad as those of others. We feature ourselves of superior character. They are mistaken, not we. Our opinion is the correct opinion.

All the ways of sin are known to us, especially pride. Our haughtiness condemns us. Our smugness makes us blind. Our self-righteousness is an affront to honesty. Forgive us for imagining ourselves above others and for running

from your judgement of us. Humble us, for none of us is innocent of sin. We pray through Jesus, your Suffering Servant. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Douglas Wagner "My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways / And leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest while others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home."

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Pastorale on "Pleyel's Hymn" Van Denman Thompson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication
*Hvmn #76 "How Gentle God's Commands"

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(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon "False Power and True Power"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Benediction

"Whatsoever You Do" Hal Hopsor *Choral Response

*Postlude

"Piece Hèroïque"

Cesar Franck

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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7:30 p.m. | Church School Worship Service Board of Missions Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir Board of Deacons Board of Trustees Board of Christian Education |
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| Mon., | Nov. | 5 | 10:30 a.m.
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7:30 p.m. | Boy Scout Court of Honor |
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 4, 1990

Matthew 23:3

Have you ever spoken with non-churchgoers about their perceptions of the Christian church? Too often the phrase that Jesus applied to the Pharisees comes up. "Does the church really practice what it preaches?" Loving enemies . . . feeding the hungry . . . healing the sick . . . speaking truth to power . . . showing compassion and forgiveness for the sinner? This is what we preach. How does your church practice the gospel today?

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

THE CONTEXT OF THE CALL

In today's world, the context is everything.

A young Third World pastor endures hardship and deprivation, even risks his life for the Gospel.

I ask him to tell me what calls him to this life of self-sacrifice.

"I don't believe that people are called in a vacuum," he replies, "but in a particular situation.

"Moses was called to liberate the slaves in Egypt. The prophets were called to witness against the corrupt ways of Israel. And Jesus was called to reform the church of his time.

"I feel called to the situation in the Philippines today."

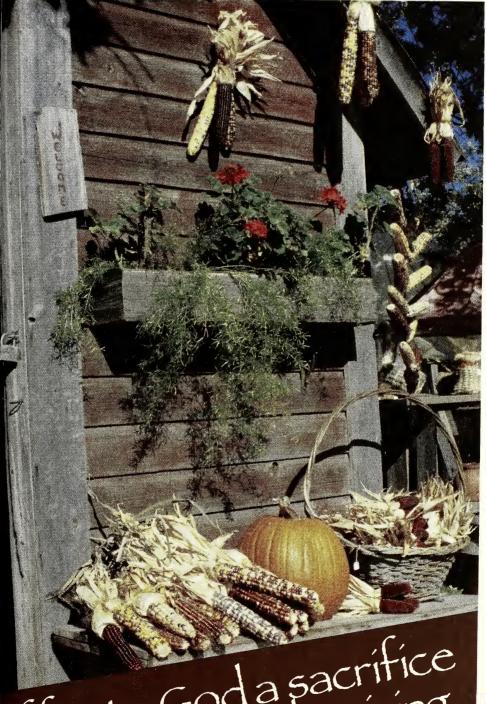
Filipino Christians call theirs the theology of struggle, he explains.

"Where there are poverty and hunger, exploitation and oppression, terror and assassination," he continues, "Christians are called to share the suffering of the people.

"And where the structures of society are responsible for the suffering of the people, Christians are called to change them," he states.

"New occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth;" wrote the American poet, James Russell Lowell, a hundred years ago. "They must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast of truth."

Those words remind us that heeding the new theologies on the lips of our partners is part of what it means to be a Christian. Through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission we share in their struggle against the structures of society responsible for the suffering of their people.



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November 11, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Ba
Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement
Introit "Now God Be Praised" Melchior Vulpi

Responsive Call to Worship

L. So thankful we are to be here today, worshipping our Almighty Father. Come, join with joyful hearts!

P. Yea, Lord, we know the distinct purpose of our coming into your house. Let us worship together!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn 464 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L. God spoke through the prophet Amos: "I hate, I despise your feasts."

P. O God, forgive our gluttony and greed.

L. "I take no delight in your solemn assemblies."

P. O God, forgive our unwillingness to rejoice in the gospel.

L. "Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them."

P. O God, forgive us for all half-hearted commitment, all the times we have emptied ritual of meaning.

L. "The peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon."

P. 0 God, forgive our hesitancy to seek to be reconciled with each other.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the funeral of

EVELLA BOOE SUTTON

November 8, 1990

PRELUDE

Mrs. Betty Walker, organis

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

SOLO

"How Great Thou Art" Ronnie Jones, soloist

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

REMEMBRANCE

DUET

"In The Garden"
Becky Joyce and Ronnie Jones

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

The Rev. Dave Gilbe

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

UNISON PRAYER

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be counted, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you in our generation, may we be gathered with those who have gone before, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the community of your holy church, in the confidence of a certain faity, in the comfort of a saving hope,

in favor with you, our God, and at perfect peace with the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison, using "trespasses")

HYMN 209

"Abide With Me" Stanzas 1, 2, 4 (congregation standing)

COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

L. "Take away from me the noise of your songs."

P. O God, forgive our reluctance to listen when you speak.

L. "To the melody of your harps I will not listen."

P. O God, have mercy upon us and hear our confession. When your justice rolls down upon us, may your righteousness cleanse us from all of our sin. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Challenges from our Boards:

Mona Covington for the Mission Board Earl Parker for the Board of Deacons Susan Hemphill for the Board of Christian Education Verona Danieley for the Board of Trustees

Anthem "What Will We Promise, What Will We Give?"

Don Besig

We are here together this day among these friends we know to thank the Lord for all these gifts we share. When we're here within this place where love and friendship grow, we reach to one another in our prayers.

(Refrain) But what will we promise, what will we give outside these walls? Will our hearts be open? Will we hear them call? Will we reach beyond ourselves, as He taught us to live? What will we promise, what will we give?

In this warm, familiar place we share the hope and dream of living in a world of love and peace. But the things we do each day sometime make it seem we have no real concern for others' needs.

(Refrain) So, what will we promise...(etc.)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Bradbury/Thompson "He Leadeth Me" Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" *Hymn #225 (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Matthew 25:1-13 Scripture Reading

"Necessary Preparations" Sermon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

"O Master Workman of the Race" *Hymn #412

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleet

Postlude based on "Aberystwyth" Gordon Youn *Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.



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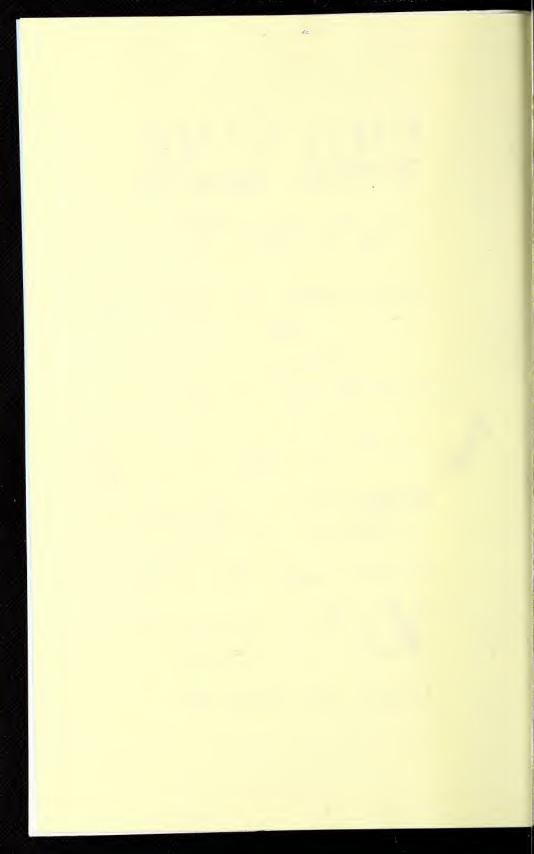


FUN CLUB TUES NOV.13 VISIT

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VAN OR CARPOOL



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Child Care During Worship

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Next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Brian Rose

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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o.m. | Worship Service Evangelism Committee Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir |
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| Mon., | Nov. | 12 - | 10:30 a
7:00 p | | Prayer Group
Nominating Committee |
| Tues., | Nov. | 13 - | 10:00 a | a.m. | Fun Club |

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Wed., Nov. 14 - 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 11, 1990

Psalm 50:14

Imagine, as both the prophet Amos and the Psalmist did, bringing the offering plates to the chancel only to have them struck aside by God! We bring gifts of our abundance, our money. God is not delighted if these are the only gifts we bring. Stewardship is a way of life, a practice of giving to God all we do, all we are, and all we have with joy and thanksgiving, and with dedication to the works of love and justice to which God calls us!

> Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

PERSONAL GIFTS

Making a gift is always personal. On this Stewardship Sunday, some of us may need to be reminded that when the church crosses the line of gaining financial support from members' income into commercial activities, the personal nature of the gift is lost. Now the bake sale, craft fair, rummage sale, antique auction, car wash, or bingo party becomes the focus for getting money. No matter how worthy the cause, no matter how warm the fellowship engendered by the activity, members are denied the opportunity of growing through the giving of financial support from their own income.

Congregations can easily become so addicted to getting support from others through various activities that this soon becomes the normal thing to do. The result is that they become more and more dependent on them. These activities consume large amounts of their members' time and energy that might be better used in direct mission service. When dependency on commercial activities becomes more and more pervasive. members' personal giving tends to stagnate or even decrease over the years as the activities take on more and more financial importance.

A congregation must finally decide what, indeed, is its business, its mission, and how the opportunities for service and giving will enhance or take away from the potential growth of the member and the congregation as an interdependent unit of the whole

church.

There is something more important than merely getting money together for ministry and mission. That is to help persons experience the true joy of sharing what they have so that all of God's creatures may be blessed through their giving. Personal giving creates good giving habits.

ENTERINTOTHE JOY...



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Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today
Bobbie Moore, Liturgist Today

November 18, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Fow Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "Praise Ye The Lord" Phillip You

Unison Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
Sovereign God, to whom belongs all we have and all we are: we pray you will give us in this time of worship both insight and will to use well all that you have entrusted to us. May we become more worthy of others' trust; more generous to those who are in need; more full of encouragement for our sisters and brothers in the faith. Inspire us to such selfless service that we may be surprised to hear your commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say, Our Father ...

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Preparation for Confession

L. O Third Servant, what has been entrusted to your care

P. I hold in my hands a great treasure.

Then go to the man who lives on the wrong side of the tracks and use your treasure to help him.But the first servant was entrusted with a treasure

But the first servant was entrusted with a treasure five times the size of mine. Let her help him.

L. There is a woman who has no hope. Go and use your treasure to help her.

P. But the second servant was entrusted with a treasure two times the size of mine. Let <u>him</u> help her.

There are children who will eat no dinner. Go

and use your treasure to help them.

P. I am afraid; my treasure is so small. I must hide it! I will bury it, keep it safe.

. But God made these people whom you doom to despair

because of your fear.

All: O God, grant us the vision to see our treasure as a gift from you for redeeming the world. Give us the courage to dig it up, dust it off, and share it with your people, and we will daily return to you a greater treasure than we received!

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"All Good Gifts" Anthem Natalie Sleeth On this day of days, join in grateful praise that will sound from shore to shore, and for blessings all, whether great or small, offer thanks forevermore! (Refrain) All good gifts cometh from the Lord in great array! All good gifts cometh from the Lord God day by day! Special gifts have we in variety by the Spirit's grace inspired; but to all so blest shall be put the test, for of them is much required. (Refrain) Let every heart anew prepare through all the world these gifts to share, in praise to God who reigns on high to bring the heav'nly kingdom nigh! Let those who will glad anthems sing, or words of healing comfort bring; let others preach or prophesy, the Lord our God to magnify! Let your light so shine, use your gifts divine, that wherever you may go, you reflect the love of the Lord above in abundance here below. (Refrain)

Many gifts we are given from the time of our birth by the Lord our God who ruleth o'er the earth; great joy ever after shall be our true reward if we use our talents to serve the Lord!

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Edmundson

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon "Using Your Resources"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #461 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

*Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Karg-Eleri

*The congregation may stand at these points.



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* I understand that this giving estimate may be raised or lowered at any time simply by calling the church office.



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Nursery today: Mona Atkinson Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Child Care During Worship

Today: Kim or Steve Perry and Brian Rose Next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 18 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Committee For The

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Tues., Nov. 20 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Nov. 21 - 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service Elon First Baptist Church

Fri., Nov. 23 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 18, 1990 Matthew 25:21

"Well done, good and faithful servant." The parable of Jesus shows God's joy with those actively working to do God's will. As we work together in the church in ministries of justice, compassion, evangelism, and healing, we need to take time to celebrate each other's work and recognize God's joy and delight in us. The apostle Paul urges the Thessalonians to "encourage one another and build one another up." Let us rejoice with God in each other and the works of love we do together in God's service.

Rev. Rochelle A. Stackhouse Community Church of the Pelhams Pelham, NY

THE "THANKS" IN THANKSGIVING

Here are some unexpected reasons for gratitude on this coming Thanksgiving Day:

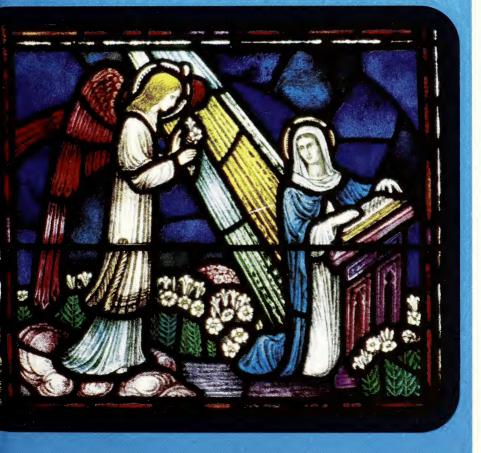
Shopping malls and discount marts are closed. No one eats at fast food drive-ins. The televised sports events are not very distracting. No one feels obliged to send greeting cards. And gourmet sauces and garnishes give way to Grandma's honest starches and calories.

In a culture where Santa, not the Savior, gets top billing at Christmas, and the new life of Easter more often comes in the form of a chocolate egg than an empty tomb, we have somehow managed to maintain the original spirit of Thanksgiving.

The dining table, with its harvest of the earth's bounty, remains the centerpiece. For once, our trademark "nuclear" family extends to include a third generation, not to mention assorted aunts, uncles, and cousins. And, because every faith group is included, no one feels embarrassed about Thanksgiving's religious overtones. Indeed, it's the one holiday when no one's at a loss for words to pray.

"In a nation where the mall never palls and seven-days-a-week shopping seems enshrined as a civic religion," writes Walter Shapiro in *Time* magazine, "Thanksgiving stands out as an oasis of tranquility and a reminder of the values that once tempered America's materialism. This Thursday give thanks for the one holiday that cannot be bought."

GOD keeps FAITH



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Elizabeth Mayse and Marie Acquilano, Acolytes Today

December 2, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "How Brightly Shines The Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxteh

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Introit "An Advent Prayer"

Allen Po

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

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Introductory Sentences

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:2

Lighting of the Candle

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #109

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Gracious God, we admit with sorrow that we do not always remain attuned to your presence in the world, and that when we think about you at all, it is often with abstract and remote speculations about clouds and catastrophes, which cause us to overlook your "little advents" in the least of our brothers and sisters. Forgive us, we pray, that whenever we see you, even in the least likely places and persons, we may be ready and responsive. In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITHESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "He Comes To Us" Jane Marshall
Text: Albert Schweitzer

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovreign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and Master, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose" Gordon Young

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #104 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany of Intercession (see insert) Choral Response Scripture Reading

Isaiah 63:16-64:8 Mark 13:32-37

Sermon

"Stay Awake"

Rev. Lyor

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn #108 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Benediction"

Gene Grie

*Postlude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J. S. Bac

*The congregation may stand at these points.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION

O Lord our God: you hear our prayers before we speak, and answer before we know our need. Though we cannot pray, may your Spirit pray in us, drawing us to you and toward our neighbors on earth. Amen.

We pray for the whole creation: may all things work together for good, until, by your design, your children inherit the earth and order it wisely.

Let the whole creation praise you, Lord and God.

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ; that, begun, maintained, and promoted by your Spirit, it may be true, engaging, glad, and active, doing your will. Let the Church be always faithful, Lord and God.

We pray for people who do not believe, who are shaken by doubt, or have turned against you. Open their eyes to see beyond our broken fellowship the wonders of your love displayed in Jesus of Nazareth; and to follow when he calls them.

Conquer doubt with faith, O God.

We pray for peace in the world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, and put out ancient hate that smolders still, or flames in sudden conflict. Create goodwill among every race and nation.

Bring peace to earth. O God.

We pray for enemies, as Christ commanded; for those who oppose us or scheme against us, who are also children of your love. May we be kept from infectious hate or sick desire for vengeance.

Make friends of enemies, O God.

We pray for those involved in world government, in agencies of control or compassion, who work for the reconciling of nations: keep them hopeful, and work with them for peace.

Unite our broken world, O God.

We pray for those who govern us, who make, administer, or judge our laws. May this country ever be a land of free and able leaders who welcome exiles and work for justice.

Govern those who govern us, O God.

We pray for poor people who are hungry, or are housed in cramped places. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for the disinherited.

Care for the poor, 0 God.

We pray for sick people who suffer pain, or struggle wit demons of the mind, who silently cry out for healing: mathey be patient, brave, and trusting. Heal the sick and troubled, O God.

We pray for those whose tears are not yet dry, who liste for familiar voices and look for still familiar faces: i loss, may they affirm all that you promise in Jesus, who prepares a place for us within your spacious love. Comfort those who sorrow, O God.

We pray for families, for parents and children: may they enjoy each other, honor freedoms, and forgive as happily as we are all forgiven in your huge mercy.

Keep families in your love, O God.

We pray for young and old: give impatient youth true vision, and experienced age openness to new things. Let both praise your name.

Join youth and age together, O God.

We pray for people everywhere: may they come into their own as children of God and inherit the kingdom prepared in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, and Savior of the world.

Hear our prayers, almighty God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who prays with us and for us, to whom be praised forever. Amen.

OUR CHRISTMAS CHEER FAMILIES FOR 1990

Case #501

| Age | Clothing | Shoe Size |
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| F 29 | 9 [′] –10 | 7½ |
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Needs clothes and toys.

Case #507

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| | | mos. | 12 months | | infant |
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Needs toys, would like dollhouse.

Case #510

| F | 27 | 11 pants, Med. top | 91/2 |
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| F | 9 | 11S pants, 7-8 blouse | 71/2 |
| F | 2 | 4 T - 5 T | 81/2 |
| М | 6 | weeks Infant | |

Toys.

Case #523

| F | 29 | Extra large | 7½ |
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| F | 10 | Child's large | 6 |
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| F | 4 | 5 | 11 child |

Needs oil, food, clothes and toys. Has an Aunt living with family.

Please bring food, clothing, toys, etc. to the Church. Make checks payable to the Women's Fellowship.



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Nursery today: Maxine Rich

Nursery next Sunday: Verona Danieley

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Cecelia Welborn and Jamie Brown

Next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle

There will be a CHURCH COUNCIL meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 2 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Church Council
4:00 p.m. Executive Board of
Women's Fellowship
7:30 p.m. Moravian Love Feast

Tues., Dec. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Dec. 5 - 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 1990 1 Corinthians 1:9

Like servants left in charge for the time being, we readily forget the principle of stewardship. We like to believe we're *really* in charge, permanently. But the Owner will return, Jesus warns, when we least expect it.

In the meantime, God's undeserved faithfulness to us is shown by countless gifts that make our stewardship possible. We lack nothing, the Apostle tells us, while we wait for the promised fulfillment of God's coming realm. But something within us always wants more! We do not like waiting, we want it *now*. We do not like being servants. We want to be owners. Yet God keeps faith with us, continuing to provide and to trust us with everything, for the time being. Give thanks for God's grace!

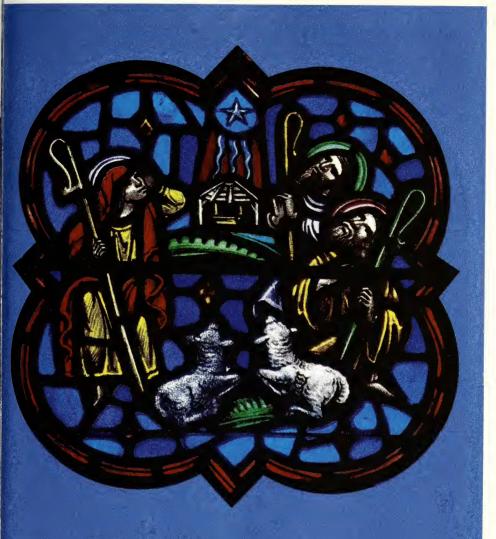
Advent is a time to become more sensitive to the "meantime" in which we live. Our history is an interim between creation and God's new creation, during which we are most faithful when we accept our role as servants and stewards. Stewards do not own the earth. Stewards do not expect the lion's share of earth's limited resources. Stewards work for the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. God invests infinite hope and trust in us!

God of majesty and mercy: We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful in your covenant even when we are faithless. Increase and build our faith, that we might wait with patience and hope for a future which is entirely yours, when we might be found good and faithful servants. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, we

prav. Amen.

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Rev. Daniel L. Johnson Dunbar United Church Hamden, CT



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Gayland Welborn, Liturgist Today

December 9, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Gesu Bambino"

Pietro

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen
Introit "An Advent Prayer" Allen P

Responsive Call to Worship

 Let us prepare a path for God in the wilderness of our hearts;

P. Let us clear a highway across the deserts of our spirits!

L. Thus shall the glory of the Lord be revealed,
P. And all humankind shall see it. Praise God!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Welborn Fam

Introductory Sentences

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Lighting of the Candle

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #110

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ's

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Order of worship for the funeral of ADELIA REBECCA JONES TRUITT December 6, 1990

PRELUDE

Mrs. Betty Walker, organ

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine,

HYMN 246

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

A TESTIMONY OF FAITH

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your graciou care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will.

We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. As we look back we realize with pain that not every memory of ours is as we would like it to be Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustaus. Only your power can somehow set right whatever was amiss between us and our dear one.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES: The Promises of God

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L. Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress draw near to us who mourn for Adelia, and dry the tears of those who weep.

P. Hear us, Lord.

L. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

P. Hear us, Lord.

L. You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

P. Hear us, Lord.

L. You promised paradise to the repentant thief; bring Adelia to the joys of heaven.

P. Hear us, Lord.

L. Our sister was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

P. Hear us, Lord.

L. She was nourished at your table on earth; welcome her at your table in the heavenly kindgom.

P. Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Adelia; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

P. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 23 From Psalm 90 From Proverbs 31

REMEMBRANCE

HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls" (congregation seated)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

From John 14
From Revelation 21 and 22

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

UNISON PRAYER

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be counted, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you in our generation, may we be gathered with those who have gone before, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of your holy church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a saving hope, in favor with you, our God, and at perfect peace with the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison, using "trespasses")

HYMN 306

"For All the Saints" (congregation standing)

COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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There will be a meeting of the <u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u> today at 12 noon immediately following the worship service.

THE 1991 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the upstairs Sunday School hallway. Please pick yours up before leaving church this morning.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Verona Danieley Nursery next Sunday: Lorene Lyon

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle Next Sunday: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper



CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

Camille Saint-Saens

Betty Walker, Director

John Coffey, Organist

Recit. and Chorus

Tom Conally, tenor; Mona Covington, alto; Alyssa Lovell, soprano; Ray Covington, baritone

be: ye shall find the babe wrapp'd in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger low. you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today a Saviour Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall the sign and the glory of There were shepherds, at night in that same country, abiding in the fields, and praising God, and saying: Gloria unto God in the highest! And on earth peace, the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid at his coming. And Fear not, oh ye shepherds, for, behold I bring unto And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heav'nly host silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them. lo! an angel of the Lord appear'd, standing there beside them: unto them the angel said: goodwill unto all men!

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Lindee LeNoir, soprano soloist

Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! he heard my cry.

Air and Chorus

Chris Lawrence, tenor soloist

In my heart I believe, O Lord, that thou indeed art Christ, Son of the living God. He who was to come into this world.

Benedictus

Duo: Candace Rotolo, soprano; Art Oornick, baritone

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. God, the Lord of Light, he hath Oh Lord! shin'd upon us. Thou along my God art: and all my trust is in thee. thou art my God, I will exalt thee, and praise thy name.

Chorus

Wherefore do the heathen clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things? As it was in Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen. the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

or.

Chris Lawrence, tenor; Kelly Hugles, soprano; Ray Covington, baritone

My soul doth magnify the Lord: my spirit hath rejoic'd in God. For mine eyes have seen Thy glory.

Quartet

Stephanie Hulin, alto; Candace Rotolo, soprano; Lindee LeWoir, soprano; Todd Morman,

Ye heav'ns sing praises, be joyful on earth. For the Lord hath pour'd his consolation upon his people, and He to His afflicted will be merciful. Alleluia.

Quintet and Chorus

Stephanie Hulin, alto; Bill Keene, baritone Tom Conally, tenor; Kelly Hughes, soprano; Candace Rotolo, soprano

fested, that her Saviour might rise and shine before the nations. first watches of the nighttime. Alleluia. That Zion's true glory might be mani-Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Alleluia. Praise God in the night! Praise Him in the

Choru

nations, now in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia. praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth, rejoice in Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation, bless his name, show forth his the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia. Rejoice, ye angels, rejoice all ye

a key role in raising the quality of French music during the latter half of the l9th century. He was instrumental in the founding of the Societe national de central European music. He was an important teacher of Gabriel Faure, and plaved Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner, he was sympathetic to the mature Romanticism of proficiency, almost quintessentially Gallic in musical charm and wit. A friend of musique in 1871, which helped nourish a number of young serious French composers. Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) was a composer of great technical

Saint-Saens is less well known as a church musician. For twenty years he was organist at Madeleine Church in Paris, a position in which Faure followed him. wrote several concert oratorios, including <u>te deluge</u> (The Flood) on the Biblical story; this was a splendid vehicle for his great ability to be illustrative in his rival Cesar Franck. He wanted to decorate the religious service with his music musician was not a religious confessor as was his colleague and to some extent his compositions. One commentator has pointed out that "Saint-Saens the church rather than to interpret it." amous as a composer of works in many genres and as a concert planist, saens is less well known as a church musician. For twenty years he

although he was held in great esteem by most organists, including Saint-Saens. whole bears Saint-Saens' French precision, sharpness and classical sheen. Some of the stylistic features of Bach are present in this work, but the work as a conductor <u>Pasdeloup saw</u> the score, he dismissed it with the words, "Why, this Bach!" Bach held no special prestige among the <u>Paris public</u> of that time, The Christmas Oratorio dates from 1863, when Saint-Saens was about 28. When

shepherds in the fields, there follow a series of Biblical texts which function as a response or commentary on the Lukan passage. The Gloria section from the Mass forms a quiet "answer" to the dramatic "question" "wherefore do the heathen After the recitative, taken from St. Luke's telling of the story of the in the second chorus. The work closes with a chorale hymn reminiscent of

theater, primarily in Hickory and Charlotte. He was Betty Walker's first organ teaches piano privately, and he presently provides musical Master of Music degrees in piano from Juilliard. John Coffey, guest organist for this work, is a graduate of Lenoit-Rhyne College and the North Carolina School of the Arts, and holds both Bachelor and eludent. He lives in Hickory where he direction for musical

peace. You open our eyes to his righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of his reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering 0

Offertory "I Wonder As I Wander" John Jacob Niles

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Readings:

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO Camille Saint-Saens (See insert for text and soloists)

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Postlude Fantasia on "Adeste Fideles" Geoffrey Shaw

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 1990

Psalm 85:8

You are aware of how actively involved we are by now in our preparations for Christmas: it doesn't just happen! But how actively involved are we in preparing for peace? It doesn't just happen! Cry to Jerusalem "that her warfare is ended." The voice of one crying . . . prepare. "God . . . will speak peace." Peace is more than the absence of war; peace is action: peace is a verb. Peace is God actively working through people at the things which make for peace. Advent now: Peace now!

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

GOOD NEWS

Journalists are frequently asked why so much of the news concerns death and destruction. "Why don't you print the good news?" Journalists answer: When things go right, as they usually do, it isn't worth reporting.

But Christians have never accepted that the "good news" isn't worth reporting. So, here, from three different parts of the world,

is some good news about our partners in mission.

Mary Schaller, who spent an academic year as a Theological Fellow at the United Theological College in Bangalore, wrote: "We are at an exciting time in the growth of Christianity in India. For example, in a church now dominated by Western forms of worship, aspects of Indian culture—music, drama, dance, language—are slowly being reintroduced. Theology rooted in the Indian context and experience is now beginning to blossom."

Barbara Mensendiek, longtime missionary in Japan, compares the United Church of Christ in Japan to "a fragile flower, incredibly defying the cold indifference of the environment, faithfully proclaiming the promise of new life, a living witness to the Resurrection in alien soil That Sunday after Sunday all over Japan small congregations gather to acknowledge a higher Authority who gives meaning to their daily lives is something of a quiet miracle itself."

Robert and Nelda Thelin write from South Africa: "It is exciting to be living and working in a part of the world where the churches are giving a dynamic prophetic witness, and there is cautious optimism that apartheid can be dismantled."

We support these partners through gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission

GOD shall make



righteousness and praise blossom

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Matthew Mayse and Scott Williamson, Acolytes Today

December 16, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Medley of Carols Handbell Ch Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introit "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Tradition

Responsive Call to Worship

L. A voice cries in the wilderness, and we find ourselves drawn to the message.

P. God invades the commonplace, and we cannot evade the changes God brings.

L. On every hand our values are challenged as attention is drawn to the lowly and weak.

P. We are not worthy to until the sandals of the Humble Servant, who loved all people.

L. Draw near to join those who rejoice in a God who comforts and confronts.

P. We come to proclaim the worth of God, and to claim the worth God invests in us.

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle The Causey fam Introductory Sentences
Scripture: I John 4:9-11
Lighting of the Candle
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, even though we know better, we insist on setting the terms for our relationship with you: we substitute our lineage for your love in drawing the boundaries of our community; we flatter those who praise us even though they may not praise you; and we recruit you in the service of our mission instead of enlisting ourselves in the service of your mission. Deliver us from our double-mindedness, O God, that we may pursue you with the devotion of the shepherds, praise you with the song of angels, and present you with a gift even greater than the wise men's gifts—the gift of ourselves. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem

"The Jesus Gift" Mona Covington, soloist Gilbert Martin

Shall I bring him em'ralds, shall I bring him gold?
Shall I shower diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?
Give him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter,
Offer him warm laughter and love.
Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts;
kindness he'll use as he leads.
So, give him these gifts, hand him your hearts.
Honor his birth and you'll need no
Em'ralds nor rubies, silver nor gold;
neither bright diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold.
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above;
You'll have laughter, sweet peace-filled laughter,
simple warm laughter and love.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Reception of New Members

see green insert

Offering

Offertory "Silent Night" Handbell Choir

arr. Gerald Armstro

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 115 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon "A Wilderness Voice"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 130 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althou

*Postlude Carol Medlev

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Joining the church today are Olga Griswold on confession of faith, Charles William "Chip" Pfeiffer III on reaffirmation of faith, Stephanie Lynn Redding on confession of faith, Christopher D. Wurst on confession of faith, and Karen Floyd Wurst by transfer of letter from Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

| LEADER: We invite to come forward |
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| who wish(es) to affirm his/her/their baptism by being |
| confirmed, and also, |
| who will be joining this congregation by reaffirmation |
| of faith/letter of transfer. |
| LEADER: Friends in Christ, we are all received into |
| the church through the sacrament of baptism. |
| has/have found nurture and support in the |
| midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study |
| has/have been led by the |
| Holy Spirit to affirm her/his/their baptism and to |
| claim in our presence her/his/their covenantal rela- |
| tionship with Christ and the members of the church. |
| He is/She is/ They are here for service to Jesus |
| Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows. |

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

LEADER: God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we preach. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE(S)

| PASTO | | | | | , do | you | desi | re to | affirm |
|-------|----------|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|
| your | baptism | into | the | faith | and | famil | y of | Jesus | Christ' |
| CANDI | DATE(S): | : I d | do. | | | | | | |

PASTOR: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

CANDIDATE(S): I do.

PASTOR: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

CANDIDATE(S): I Do.

PASTOR: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

CANDIDATE(S): I promise, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

CANDIDATE(S): I promise, with the help of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PASTOR: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your kindgom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ADDRESS

(To all who are being received into membership)

PASTOR: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

OUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

PASTOR: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

CANDIDATE(S): I promise, with the help of God.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

PASTOR: Let us, the members of Elon College Community Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

PEOPLE: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Elon College Community Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

PRAYER

PASTOR: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, may your hand ever be over your servant(s) who have made a commitment to membership here today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with her/him/them. So lead us all in the knowledge and obedience of your Word that he/she/they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DISMISSAL

PASTOR: Go in the peace of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kate S. McAdams by her family, Mark McAdams, Vance and Bud Whitcomb, Jo and Gene Grimley and Lois Bost.

THE 1991 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the upstairs Sunday School hallway. Please pick yours up before leaving church this morning.

Nursery today: Lorene Lyon

Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Louis or Kristin Wilkins and Brian Harper Next Sunday: Jane McLelland and Ryan Harris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 16 -9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 noon Pot Luck Lunch Congregational Meeting Centennial Committee Dedication of Habitat's 2:30 p.m. Ninth House on Westmoreland St. just off Sharpe Road 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

Tues., Dec. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 1990

Isaiah 61:11

For many the first real sign of spring is the arrival of the new seed catalogue. The blossoms are in the heart long before the seeds are in the ground. Blossoms are a miracle of faith. A greater miracle is God making righteousness to blossom. Even the wilderness can blossom when the seeds/words are sown in hope and faith. So, in anticipation: rejoice, pray, give thanks, for the God who calls us is faithful. God plants a garden of righteousness in your heart.

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!
—Carolyn Wells

"How I love the gifts I give." There may be good psychological reasons why giving is more satisfying than receiving, at Christmastide or any other time. But mature Christians understand that theology has more to do with our attitude toward giving than psychology. God's gift of love to us at Christmas is almost too good to be true. Imagine, a light of peace and hope in the darkness of despair! We never expected or deserved any such thing. How else can we respond except by giving in return?

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund offers us a unique opportunity to give in return for the many blessings we have received. The recipients are deserving United Church of Christ pastors and lay workers, their surviving

spouses, and dependent families.

Our gifts to this all-church offering bring Christmas checks to hundreds of retired clergy families in need who are nominated by conference ministers.

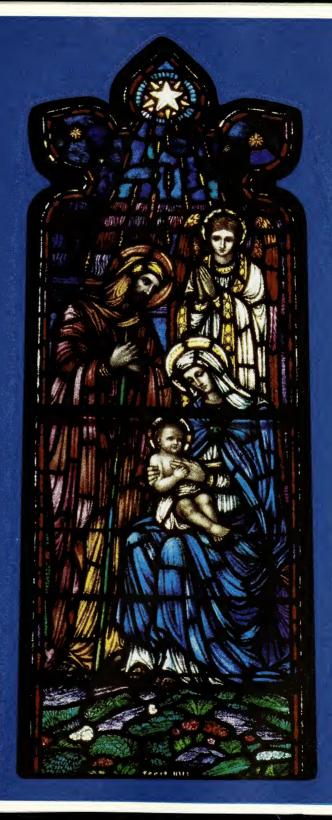
But the Christmas Fund does more than help brighten the holidays for some of our church family. All through the year, our gifts provide Emergency Grants to active and retired ministers and widowed spouses confronted with unforeseen financial demands beyond their ability to pay.

Furthermore, our gifts to the Christmas Fund are applied to the pension, health and dental benefit, and insurance needs of retired

clergy and lay employees who qualify for assistance.

The recipients of our gifts to the Christmas Fund are people whose lives were marked by giving. It is up to us now to see that they receive all that they need. That is why we give generously when this all-church offering is received in our local church.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Lydia Troxler and Meg Wilkins, Acolytes Today

December 23, 1990

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" Linda Raker, Flautist

Paul E. K

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen Introit "While By My Sheep" 17th Century ca

Responsive Call to Worship

L. May the God who shows favor to mere mortals be with us in this hour of worship!

P. May the God who works miracles through humans like us be with us this day!

L. May the God who graciously called Mary of Galilee to be the mother of the Christ call us as well to accomplish divine purposes.

P. May the God who empowered her with the Holy Spirit do likewise with us: that we may say with her, "Let it be with us according to your word!"

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Woody fam Introductory Sentences Scripture: John 15:9-11 Lighting of the Candle Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

GETTIN' READY



FOR THE MIRACLE



Gettin' Ready For the Miracle Lyrics by Linda Rebuck Music by Tom Fettke

December 16, 1990

7:00 P.M.

Presented by

Wonderful Wednesday Groups

Angel Choir:

David Brown
Greg Causey
Jeff Martin
Hope Martin
Claire Welborn
Zachary Welborn
Anna Wilkins
Jeff Wilkins

Playing a variety of parts:

Chris Causey
Sarah Hemphill
Elizabeth Lohr-Myers
Lexa Lohr-Myers
Elizabeth Mayse
Matt Mayse
Tara McKenna
Lydia Troxler

Mothers Playing the Parts of Mothers (also Grandmothers)

Jimma Causey Mary Louise Boyd Cile Welborn Marie Wilkins

Director: Betty Walker Drama Coach: Beth Lyon Sound: Harvey Hook

A special thanks is given to those who have provided props, cookies and cake, and support!



Unison Prayer of Confession

O God who calls, how tempting it is for us to resist your will, through either humility or selfishness. How quickly we forget how you have always depended upon fragile instruments like us to accomplish your will in history. Forgive us our reluctance. Keep before us as an example Mary, our Savior's mother, who responded in faith and obedience, and—by your grace—moved history forever by bearing your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Gesu Bambino"

Pietro Yon

A Statement of Faith in Unison (from Colossians 1:15-20)

Christ is the image of the invisible God. the firstborn of all creation: for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities-all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering Offertory

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 140 "What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon "What's At the Center?"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 116 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jord

*Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" French Card

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 23 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 noon Church Council Meeting

Mon., Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

There will be no $\underline{\text{WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS}}$ on December 26, 1990 or January 2, 1991.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 1990 Luke 1:35

Consider the powerful words of Phillips Brooks' well-known carol:

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us to-day.

The announcement of the angel Gabriel to Mary addressed the longing of many generations. The people of Israel in Jesus' time were not different from the people in today's world. The longing for freedom and a sense of meaning and purpose continues to this day.

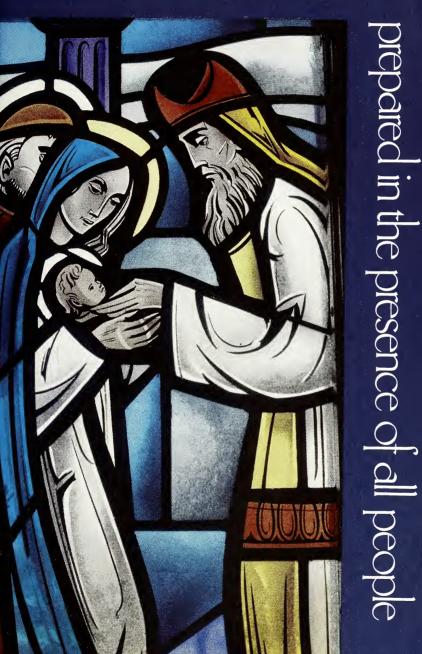
Like the people of ancient Israel, we long to experience a new birth in our lives—the coming of a gracious and loving God to a broken and hurting world. The good news is that it has happened and it will happen! Through no effort of our own, God has come into the world in a way that causes us simply to watch and listen, somewhat doubtful that God would come in this way, and yet filled with wonder and with awe that God's presence is displayed in such a profound and compelling way.

God comes into a broken and hurting world! O Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us we pray. Make us your sisters and brothers; include us in God's family. People have waited for the coming of the holy child for ages. People have sought redemption, recovery, rescue from the pain and peril of this life. They have sought change that only God can bring.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us we pray—in our pride and arrogance, in our chronic pain and suffering, in our indifference and our rage, in our wandering and in our hiding from what is right and just and true. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us in the realities of our time, for God knows better than we know ourselves what these realities are.

Rev. George E. Peters Pawtucket Congregational Church Pawtucket, RI

SALVATIC



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey, Acolytes Today Dr. Dorcas Lohr, Guest Organist Today

Dr. Ken Harper, Liturgist Today

December 30, 1990

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

11:00

Prelude

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemer Responsive Call to Worship

L. People of God, sing and rejoice!
God has come to us in Jesus the Christ,
to reconcile and make new.

P. God has entered our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.

L. Therefore we rejoice, praising God:

All: Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to those who will the good. Christ is born. Alleluia!

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn 129 "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you have come to us in Jesus, your true child, in whom you give us power to be your children. Yet, O God, we confess that we turn from your love, fearing the comfort and challenge of being your children. We are your own, yet we refuse you, clinging to the security of familiar ways rather than accepting the new life you offer. We tolerate hatred, violence, and injustice in the world you loved so well that you sent the child Jesus

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Articles for the **TORCH** are due tomorrow morning.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due January 2, 1991.

Nursery today: Heidi Danieley Nursery next Sunday: Cile Welborn

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Sue Brown and Christy Rich

Next Sunday: Brian Rose and Beth Tickle

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

There will be no <u>WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS</u> on January 2, 1991.

begotten from your own being. We trust not in ourselves, but in your great compassion. Forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us that we may live as your children and once again praise you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time with Children

Solo

Psalter Reading Psalm 111

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 326 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

"The Light and the Shadow"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 146 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 1990

Luke 2:30-31

The first Sunday after Christmas—and God saves the best gift for last: Salvation! "When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son." Faithful Simeon, with his deep sense of perception, recognized Jesus as that gift of salvation prepared for all, and so announced it to the world. When you accept that gift you are no longer merely a servant, but you are saved to be an heir! Then, thankfully, lift high your gift of salvation as a burning torch and light the corners of our world.

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Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

PRIORITIES

A New Year should be more than a time for making resolutions. It should also be the occasion for reaffirming priorities. As we begin 1991, let us renew our resolve to implement the four United Church of Christ priorities.

A priority is a concern that has been adopted by the General Synod; involves and is recognized by all parts of the church; is of high significance for the whole mission of the church, at home and overseas; has been studied and is demonstrated to be biblically and theologically appropriate for the attention of the United Church of Christ; and that involves all parts of the church in planning.

The Seventeenth General Synod, meeting in 1989, gave the church three new priorities:

Evangelism and Membership Growth, to help the United Church of Christ engage in the call to proclaim the Gospel and to grow faithfully in local church membership and worship attendance.

Education, to reclaim and reform the United Church of Christ's educational mission, the minister's historic office as teacher, and the committed partnership of laity and clergy in the teaching ministries of the church.

Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace, to enlist all parts of the United Church of Christ in study and action to the end that the issues of integrity of creation, justice and peace, and interrelationship between them, are addressed.

Another priority, voted by the Sixteenth General Synod, continues for another biennium: The Homeless Poor, to enlist all members of the United Church of Christ in study and action so that they can understand, experience, and respond to the biblical mandate to care especially for the homeless and the poor.

SEARCH FOR MY SHEEP



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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director
Crystal Bradley and Tara McKenna, Acolytes Today

November 25, 1990

11:0

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Andantino" Cesar Fr Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announceme

Introit "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Ive

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers the scattered sheep. The shepherd rescues them, no matter where they are scattered on dark and clody days.

P. Let us come together to worship God.

L. God cares for us as a shepherd cares for the sheep, grazing them by streams and in green fields, securing them in their fold.

P. Let us give thanks to God for all God's goodness.

 God searches for the lost, bandages the hurt, strengthens the sick, and watches over the strong.
 Let us dedicate ourselves to follow God's purposes.

Invocation and Landle Dancer (wine Htms. and H)

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn #199

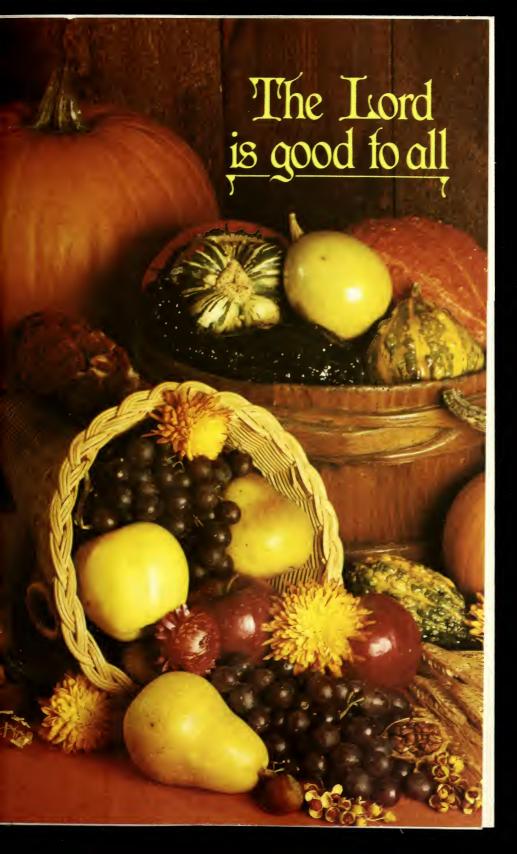
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undon those things which we ought to have done, and we have don those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.



ANNUAL UNION THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

7:00 p.m. November 21, 1990 Elon First Baptist Church

Sponsoring Churches:

Elon College Community Church The Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor

Elon First Baptist Church
The Rev. Clarence R. Wall, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Elon College The Rev. Norman Harris, Pastor

Shallow Ford United Church of Christ The Rev. Phil Hardy, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Clarence Wai

Anthem

"Every Day Is A Day of Thanksgiving Elon First Baptist Church Choir Directed by Felicia Wall

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
Norman Harri

Hymn 46 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (congregation standing)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

John Irvir

Responsive Reading "Thanksgiving" p. 595

Norman Harri

Anthem

"Thank You, Lord

Scripture Readings: Psalm 95:1-6; Psalm 100;

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Phil Hardy

Thanksgiving Meditation

"An Attitude of Gratitude"

Phil Hardy

Thanksgiving Offering

Clarence Wall

Prayer of Dedication

John Irvine

Thanksgiving Testimonies

Bobby Gray First Baptist Church of Elon College Nancy Lu Irvine Elon College Community Church Bobby Yancey Elon First Baptist Church Danny Poole Shallow Ford United Church of Christ

Anthem

"Joy Cometh in the Morning"

Benediction

Clarence Wall

The offering this evening will be given to the Allied Churches of Alamance County, toward the construction of the new building on Fisher Street in Burlington, which will house the Shelter for the Homeless and other functions. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building took place yesterday afternoon.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Fran and Harvey Hook in honor of her mother Lanie Hayes and in memory of their parents Minnie and Marshall Hook and Martin F. Hayes.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper Nursery next Sunday: Maxine Rich

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Child Care During Worship

Today: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody.

Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Jamie Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 25 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Church Council
Board of Trustees

immediately after Council
Meeting

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Mon., Nov. 26 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Nov. 27 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Nov. 28 - 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



UCC SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT II(B)

INVITATION

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Merciful God, as sister and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are now ready.

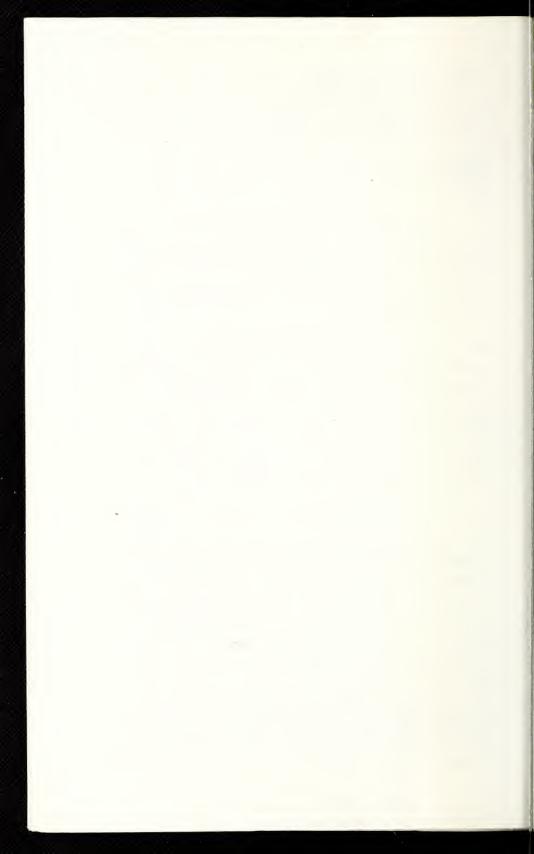
Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you. Amen.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared to all persons in Christ Jesus. And grant that we may ever after serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon *Gloria Patri (#513)

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us greet each other in love, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Bread of the World" Daniel Burton (The text is found at hymn 283)

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Edmundson *Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #204 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Meditation "The Burden of Privilege"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Liturgy IIB *Hymn #202 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth *Postlude Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae" Lynnwood Farnam

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 25, 1990 Ezekiel 34:11

Paintings of pastoral scenes often picture sheep as passive creatures. Whether or not that is true of real sheep, the scriptures make clear that God as Shepherd expects something more from us, the sheep. God expects trust, so clearly portrayed in the 23rd Psalm. God expects the sheep to care for one another, not leaving that to the Great Shepherd. With God, the Shepherd of the sheep, there is little room for passivity, but a great call to walk through shadowy valleys together toward a table of fullness for all.

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THEORIES OR ACTIONS?

When something happens, it's only human to want to know why. When there is war or depression, we ask: "What caused it to happen?" To answer the question, we create hypotheses, or theories.

The same applies to hunger in the world. Explanatory theories multiply with the problems. Hunger results from food shortages, we're told. That's self-evident. But what about those food surpluses next door? War and natural disasters like floods and droughts are responsible, it's said. Always? Well, then it must be the infrastructure: inadequate roads or waterways prevent transportation of food. But their absence signals another problem: the poverty of economic resources. And that is only part of it. Hungry people who don't have the means to build roads don't have the money to buy food, either. But not all poor people are hungry So goes the dialogue.

Christians ask: What does the Bible say? There is no Christian theory or explanation of hunger. But, even worse, the debate over the causes of hunger begs a more important question: What are we doing about it? Here the Bible has something to say.

It comes through clearly in the Book of Isaiah, that great Old Testament prophet of Judah. Isaiah preaches that one's relationship with other human beings reveals one's relationship with God. Is not sharing your food with the hungry what God requires? he asks in chapter 58.

That question doesn't require a theory, it demands action. The United Church of Christ Hunger Action Fund is our response.



